

The Falls Village Congregational Church

February 7, 2021 10:00 a.m.

5th Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Church Bell
Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

The work of the Creator is visible.

Let us respond with praise.

The example of Jesus is clear.

Let us respond with obedience.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

Let us respond with joy.

The word of God is calling.

Let us worship the triune God in spirit and in truth.

Hymn #77 “On Eagles’ Wings” vv. 1,2

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear and receive your word.

Silence in us any voice but your own, so that hearing, we may also trust you and learn to obey your will. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 40:25-31 Akke Jasmine
New Testament Scripture: Mark 1:29-45 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Jesus’ Surprising Command”
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation # 425 “Let Us Break Bread Together” vv. 1,2

The Communion Prayer:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your heads

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.

(The Minister continues the prayer)

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please partake of the bread individually, when it is received, as a sign of our individual relationship to God, but hold the cup so we may drink together, as a sign of our unity before our God)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: # 484 *“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”* vv. 1,2

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

484 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions that shall turn their
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions that shall lift their
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the path of

hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a
 hearts to the Lord; a song that shall con - quer e - vil and
 reign - eth a - bove hath sent us the Son to save us, and
 sor - row has trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might

sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
 come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,

77 On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 bide in God's shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

After last refrain

A Bm F#m Em A7 D

And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.

G Dmaj7/F#

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and

G Dmaj7/F# F 3

famine will bring you no fear: under God's wings your

Dm F Gm Asus4 D.S.

refuge, God's faithfulness your shield.

D G 3 Dmaj7/F#

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the

G Dmaj7/F# F

arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall a-

Dm F Gm Asus4 D.S.

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G 3 Dmaj7/F#

4. For to God's angels is given a command to

G Dmaj7/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will

Gm Am B Asus4 D.S.

Scripture Lessons for February 7, 2021

ISAIAH 40:25-31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

MARK 1:29-45

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Let Us Break Bread Together

425

Guitar capo: 1; play D

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system repeats the same lyrics. The third system is labeled 'Refrain' and includes the lyrics 'When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,'. The fourth system includes the lyrics 'O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)'. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal lines, and the guitar line provides accompaniment for these chords.

D Bm G Gmaj7 A7 D G D

1. Let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)
2. Let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)
3. Let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)

D A Bm7 E E7 A A

let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain D F#m B7 Em Em7 Am

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

A7 D Bm7 Em9 A7 D G D

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

