

The Falls Village Congregational Church

February 28, 2021 10 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

Render your heart, and not your garments. Turn to the Lord your God.

For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Come, let us worship the living God in spirit and in truth.

Hymn: # 7 *When in our Music God is Glorified*, vv. 1,5

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O God, who rules the universe and yet who numbers the very hairs on our heads. Be present with us as we come with different emotions on our hearts. If we are discouraged, lift our spirits; if we need guidance, show us the way; if we are estranged let us find reconciliation; if we are joyful, fill us with gratitude; to the end that your name might be glorified. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God: in Jesus Christ you came not to be served but to serve. You have provided such rich blessings in our lives, but we confess that we come too often not with a spirit of gratitude, but

rather expecting our needs to be met, our desires gratified, our wishes fulfilled. Forgive us, and empower us to be your servants and stewards, ready to return to you and to others the blessings you gave to us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading - Psalm 119:1-8 , 759.

R: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of God.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart,

Who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. R

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. R

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-8

Mark 8:31-38

Kay Blass

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "The Essence of Costly Discipleship"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #344 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, vv.1, 2*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

When in Our Music God Is Glorified 7

Scripture Lessons for February 28, 2021

GENESIS 17:1-8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.”

Unison

1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o - ra - tion
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di - men - sion
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and love, through
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most e - vil
 5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re - joice who

1. leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried,
 2. in the world of sound, as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 3. cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 4. strove a - gainst the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 5. have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

1. “Al - le - lu - ia!”
 2. “Al - le - lu - ia!”
 3. “Al - le - lu - ia!”
 4. “Al - le - lu - ia!”
 5. sing al - ways: “Al - le - lu - ia!”

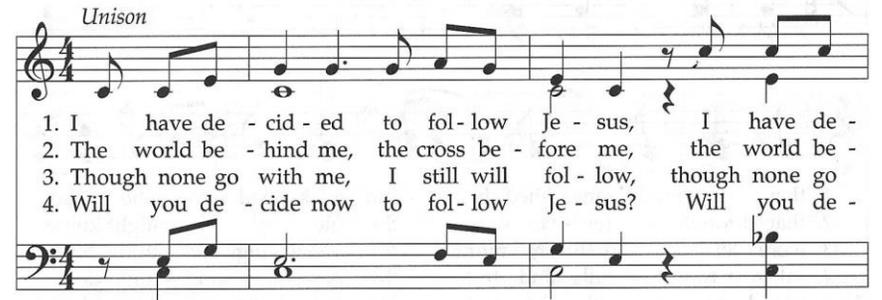
MARK 8:31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

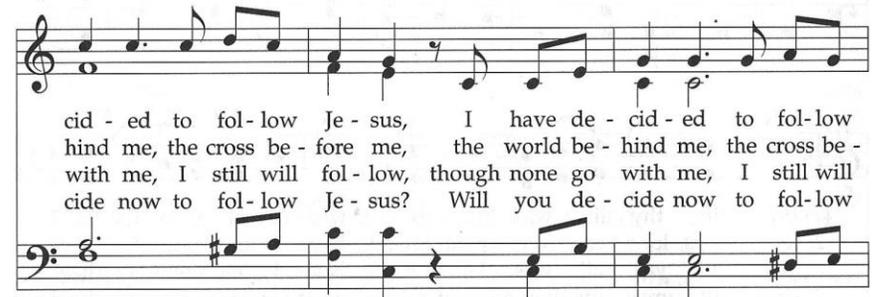
³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 344

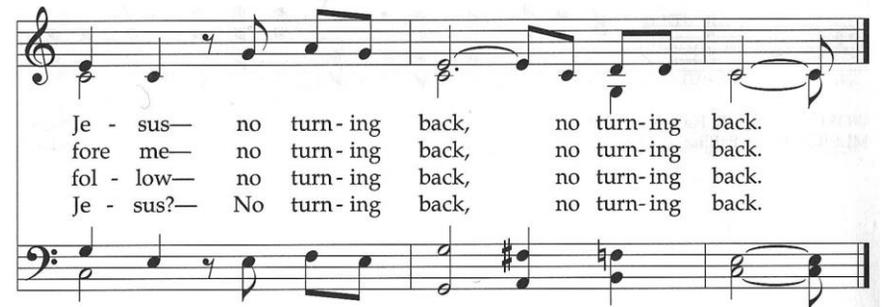
Unison



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.