

The Falls Village Congregational Church
April 11, 2021 10 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Easter
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid,
Jesus is the first and the last,
and the living one.
He was dead, and behold,
He is alive for forever and ever.
Because he lives, we also will live.
Jesus Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed!

Opening Hymn: # 218 *Thine is the Glory*, vv. 1,3

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Almighty God, you have created us, called us, and chosen us to be your people. We wait now to receive your word of guidance and blessing. Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, and faith to respond to your love. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, hear our prayer for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the

despair around us; for the forgiveness for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world whose divisions condemn us. We pray for courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading—Psalm 29, p. 737

**R: With joy the God of Hosts proclaim,
extol the great almighty name.**

Ascribe to the Lord, o heavenly beings,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders, the Lord over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare.

And in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to God's people!

May the Lord bless God's people with peace. 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: Acts 10: 34-43

John 21: 1-17

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Prayer

Sermon: “Trusting God When You Fall”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #226 *He Lives*, vv. 1,3

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Scripture Lessons for April 11, 2021

ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

JOHN 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and

you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con- quers, through thy death-less love.

kept the fold - ed grave- clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son,

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

He Lives!

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
 (he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
 (he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.