

The Falls Village Congregational Church

June 6, 2021 10:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements!

Ringling of the Church Bell

Choral Prelude - *O Taste and See* - D. Wagner

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling.

Hymn # 699 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Opening Prayer (Unison):

God of grace: We open our hearts, minds and souls to worship to you. Thank you that today we dwell in your kingdom and live in your presence. Thank you that as we gather together we join with all Christians across the world to glorify your holy name. Come be with us, inspire us and lead us in our time together. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you have created us for community and yet we think we can make it on our own. You have said that we will be restless until our hearts find their rest in you, yet we often turn to you only in a tough spot. You have called upon us to bear each other's burdens, yet we try to have people think we are in full control and need no help. Forgive our pride, O Lord, and let us draw on the strength of your body, the church, whose head is Jesus, the true

vine, apart from whom we bear no fruit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 1

Bruce Anderson

Romans 15: 7-13

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Delighted"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

A Time of Reflection (if there is an anthem, otherwise eliminate0)

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation *Come to the Table of Grace*

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

v. 2 Come to the table of peace

v. 3 Come to the table of love

v. 4 Come to the table of joy

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: # 565 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Descant

3. Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! The ris - en Christ a - dore!
 2. God's reign can nev - er fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
 3. Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:
 to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

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WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson, c. 1945

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Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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*Scripture Lessons for June 6, 2021**PSALM 1*

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ROMANS 15: 7-13

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹²and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 55:22-23

TRUST AND ASSURANCE

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You 565

1. If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through
2. God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less an-ger
3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swer-ving; so do your own part

all your ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be-tide you,
and dis-tress. If you are in God's care and keep-ing,
faith-ful-ly, and trust God's word; though un-de-serv-ing,

and bear you through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-
in-sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who took for
you'll find God's pro-mise true to be. God nev-er will for-

chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
you a cross, will bring you safe through ev-ery loss.
sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark, 1657; tr. st. 1, 3, Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
st. 2 tr. Jaroslav Vajda, alt. 98.98.88