

The Falls Village Congregational Church

November 21, 2021 10 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* – arr. M. Larkin

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –(Psalm 47)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

Let the many coastlands be glad!

The Lord loves those who hate evil;

He guards the lives of the faithful.

Rejoice in the Lord, o you righteous,

And give thanks to his holy name!

Opening Hymn: # 718 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect for Christ the King Sunday (Unison):

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world

and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 16:5-11, p. 730.

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

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 4:1-7

Dick Heinz

The Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "A Little Forbearance, Please!"

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

The Musical Offering -- *We Have Built This House On Faith*

J. Martin and D. Angerman

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn # 699 *Rejoice. The Lord is King*

Benediction

Benediction Response - *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

You are invited to place your offerings as you leave in the plate at either entrance to the church

718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Descant

3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence our blessings flow;

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2. All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
 3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless-ings flow;

for these our souls raise grate-ful vows and praise. Come, then, ye
 all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
 and for these our souls shall raise grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.

thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

God, our Mak-er, does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
 all that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
 Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
 come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

Psalm 16:5-11

Fred R. Anderson
Southern Harmony

RESPONSE

Our hearts are glad, our souls re-joice, in God we dwell se-cure.

R

- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ **I keep the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R**
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**
- ¹¹ You show me the path of life.
**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R**

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Scripture Lessons for November 21, 2021

EPHESIANS 4:1-7

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, forbearing with one another in love,³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

MATTHEW 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer,

‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’”

lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

699 Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Descant

3. Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come

1. Re - joyce, 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 - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come

Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!
Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

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

Re - joyce, 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: