

The Falls Village Congregational Church

April 17, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Easter

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnnyder, Worship Leader

Greeting and Welcome

The Lord is Risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Ringing of the Church Bell

Choral Prelude - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* – arr. K. Langlois

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

This is the good news--the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

The light shines in darkness, Alleluia!

This is the good news—once we were no people, now we are God's people.

We are God's people, Alleluia!

Let us worship the risen Christ.

Prayer for God's Presence (Unison):

Almighty God, who sent Jesus into the world to suffer, die, and rise again for our sake: Help us to experience your transforming resurrection power in our lives and in our world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #216 – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Risen Lord, although we proclaim the empty tomb, we sometimes act as if Jesus is still buried. We confess that we live in fear, afraid of the perils of living, fearful of death even after its defeat. On this glorious day of mirth and song, forgive us when we are quick to forget its good news. Help us be a people of resurrection

not just on this day but on all days. Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life that we might turn from sin and be renewed. Free us from our fears that we might tell this glad story - that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Psalm 150, p. 768

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Terry Ryan

New Testament Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Rich Reifsnnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Remembering"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnnyder

THE CHURCH RESSPONDS IN FAITH

The Offertory Anthem –

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: *Lord of the Dance (insert)*

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.

216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 150

Charles Wesley
Henry T. Smart

RESPONSE

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord re - joice and sing!

R

- 1 Praise God!
Praise God in the sanctuary;
praise God in the mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise God for mighty deeds;
praise God for exceeding greatness!
- 3 Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise God with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise God!
Praise God! R

Scripture Lessons for April 17, 2022

DEUTERONOMY 8:11-18

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

LUKE 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS Irregular with refrain

American Shaker melody
Harm. Sydney Carter, 1963

Carter, 1963



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the
2. I danced for the scribe and the
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the
5. They cut Me down and I



world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the
Phar - i see, But they would not dance and they
ured the lame; The ho - ly peo - ple
sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
leap up high; I am the life that will



stars and the sun, And I came down from heav - en and I
ould not fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for
aid it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they
lev - il on your back. They bur - ied My bod - y and they
tev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll



danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had My birth.
James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.
hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.
thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and I still go on.
live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.



Refrain
Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the



Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,



And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

