

The Falls Village Congregational Church

May 8, 2022 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Greeting and Welcome

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from John 4)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.

God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Prayer for God's Presence (Unison):

Humbly and reverently, yet freely and gladly, we greet you, O living God. Creator of life, we find our identity in you. Preserver of life, we gather to seek your sustaining strength. Renewer of life, we rejoice in the promise that your blessings are prepared for us. In Jesus' name, amen

Hymn #517 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, giver of light and love: We have sinned against you and our neighbors, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. Help us to repent of our sin, and for the sake of your son Jesus, who died for us, forgive all that is past. Lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Psalm 23, p. 734 (1st response)

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

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

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:36-43

John 2:1-11

Lynn Reifsnyder

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "What Time is it?"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

Offertory Anthem:

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn #526 *The Gift of Love*

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.

517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in - to ev - ery trou-bled breast;
 3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be,

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find thy prom-ised rest;
 sud-den-ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem-ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per-fect - ly re-stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
 take a - way our love of sin-ning; al - pha and o - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo-ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin-ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Psalm 23

Isaac Watts, alt.
 J. L. Macbeth Bain

RESPONSE 1

My Shep-herd, you sup - ply my need and ho-ly is your name.

RESPONSE 2 Unison

Marty Haugen

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
 yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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| <p>1 The LORD is my shepherd,
 I shall not want.</p> <p>2 He makes me lie down in
 green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;</p> <p>3 he restores my soul.
 He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.</p> <p>4 Even though I walk through the
 darkest valley,
 I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff—
 they comfort me. R</p> | <p>5 You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my
 enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.</p> <p>6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
 follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of
 the LORD for ever. R</p> |
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Scripture Lessons for May 8, 2022

ACTS 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gift of Love

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1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.