

The Falls Village Congregational Church
June 26, 2022 10 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude *Andantino* - E. Granados

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house.

Those who build it labor in vain

Unless the Lord watches over the city

The watchman stays awake in vain

Trusting in the Lord who builds the house and watches over the city, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Almighty God, apart from whose presence our worship is mere striving after wind and our words mere noise: Be present with us during this time by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might praise you with enthusiasm, that we might be convicted by your word, and that we might experience the true love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn # 15 *“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. But we hold back because the work is hard. You ask for our mouths to speak out against injustice. But we hold back because we do not want to offend. You asked for our lives, that you might work through us. But we hold back, not wanting to be too involved. Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Loving God, forgive us, renew us, send us out to be usable instruments and take

seriously the call to commitment you set before us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 122, p. 761

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ.

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Luke 9:51-62

Maria Bulson

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Commitment”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering *Day By Day* - M. How

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #464 *“God of Grace, God of Glory”*

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.

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart 15

1. Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
 2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
 3. With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 4. Yes, on through life's long path, still sing - ing as you go,
 5. Praise God who rules all worlds; the ris - en Christ a - dore.

1. your fes - tive ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
 2. raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
 3. send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
 4. from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 5. Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re - joice, re - joice,

Psalm 122

Leona von Brethorst
 Arr. Ken Barker

RESPONSE

God has made me glad, God has made me glad, I

will re-joice, for God has made me glad.

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- 2 **Our feet are standing**
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together.
- 4 **To it the tribes go up,**
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- 5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 **Peace be within your walls,**
and security within your towers."
- 8 For the sake of my relatives and friends
 I will say, "Peace be within you."
- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your good. R

Scripture Lessons for June 26, 2022

2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. . . . ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

LUKE 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

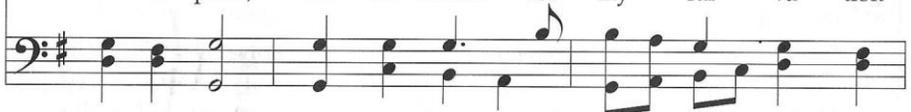
God of Grace and God of Glory 464



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; fill our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



1. pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
2. sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us,
3. thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
4. we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like gra - ces
5. we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



1. bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
2. free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
3. rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
4. pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
5. be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



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| 1. for the fac - ing of this hour, | for the fac - ing of this hour. |
| 2. for the liv - ing of these days, | for the liv - ing of these days. |
| 3. lest we miss thy righ - teous goal, | lest we miss thy righ - teous goal. |
| 4. lest we fail our call from thee, | lest we fail our call from thee. |
| 5. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, | serv - ing thee whom we a - dore. |

