

The Falls Village Congregational Church  
July 24, 2022 10 a.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ring of the Bell**

**Prelude** - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* - M. Hayes

**THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE**

**Call to Worship –**

Welcome to worship this day.

**We have come seeking peace and hope.**

This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

**Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.**

Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

**Praise be to God who loves and cares for us.**

**Prayer for God's Presence (Unison)**

**Living Lord, whose presence makes holy every occasion:**

**Make yourself known in powerful ways to all who have gathered here this morning. Lift the spirits of the discouraged; give a renewed sense of direction to those who seek your will; enable those who are happy to find in you the source of their joy. May all that we say or do this day be pleasing in your sight. Amen. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #352 "Spirit Song"**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your forgiving touch, and know the peace that only you can bring. God of healing, God of wholeness, in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole and we are given renewed strength to be your faithful disciples. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Reading –** Psalm 104: 1-13, p. 754

**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:** Hosea 11:1-11

Jack Wilcox

Colossians 3:1-17

Rich Reifsnyder

**Prayer**

**Sermon:** "Making the Most of It"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**Musical Offering -** *Praise to God, Immortal Praise!* - M. L. Lightfoot

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE**

**Hymn #618 "How Firm a Foundation"**

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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

# Spirit Song

*Unison*

Gmaj7 Gmaj7/F# Em7 A7 A7/G

1. O let the Son of God en-fold you with his  
 2. (O come and) sing this song with glad-ness as your

F#m7 Bm7 Em7

Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and  
 hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur-

A7 D Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 Gmaj7/F#

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that  
 ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

Em7 A7 A7/G F#m7 Bm7

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -  
 sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll

Em G6/A G/AA7 D C/D D

scend up-on your life and make you whole.  
 en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

*Refrain*

Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 A7 Dmaj7 C/D D

come and fill your lambs.

Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 G6/A G/A D

1. come and fill your lambs. 2. O come and

## Psalm 104:1-13

RESPONSE

Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.  
Erneuerten Gesangbuch

Praise be to God the Al-might-y, who rules all cre - a - tion.

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1 Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**O God, you are very great.**

You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.

2 **You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**  
3 **you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,**

you make the clouds your chariot,  
you ride on the wings of the wind,

4 **you make the winds your messengers,**  
**fire and flame your ministers. R**

5 You set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it shall never be shaken.

6 **You cover it with the deep as with a garment;**  
**the waters stood above the mountains.**

7 At your rebuke they flee;  
**at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.**

8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys  
to the place that you appointed for them.

9 **You set a boundary that they may not pass,**  
**so that they might not again cover the earth. R**

10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills,

11 **giving drink to every wild animal;**  
**the wild asses quench their thirst.**

12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.

13 **From your lofty abode you water the mountains;**  
**the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. R**

## Scripture Lessons for July 24, 2022

### HOSEA 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup>They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup>They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

## COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

<sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,  
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
4. "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall lie,  
5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

1. is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!  
2. for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
3. the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4. my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.  
5. I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1. What more can be said than to you God has said,  
2. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3. for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4. The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5. that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

1. to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2. up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
3. and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4. thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5. I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"