

The Falls Village Congregational Church  
July 31, 2022 10 a.m.  
8<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 : *Rigaudon No. 2* - J. P. Rameau

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –from Matthew 11

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for  
your souls

Prayer for God’s Presence (Unison)

Gracious God, as we stand in awe of your goodness and  
mercy, we invite you to be present among us by the power of the  
Holy Spirit. We thank you that you have made the way of love known  
by your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great  
love to us as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit. May our  
hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your  
everlasting greatness. Amen.

Opening Hymn #679 “*God the Omnipotent*”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving and grace-filled God, we confess that it is difficult to  
keep you first in our lives. There are so many urgent demands on us  
that we find it hard to focus ourselves on you. The culture around us  
sends so many mixed messages that it is hard to listen to your still  
small voice. We get distracted and find ourselves further and further  
from the abundant life you want to give us. Forgive us, O God, for  
these and all of our sins, and give us the ability to match our  
priorities to yours. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 116:1-9,12-17, P.756

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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Terry Ryan

Luke 12:13-21

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Getting Priorities Straight”

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering *Take My Life, That I May Be* - W. Dexheimer-  
Pharris, arr. M. Sedio

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

## THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #643 “*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*”

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.*

## God the Omnipotent!

1. God the om - nip - o - tent! Bold - ly or - dain - ing  
 2. God the all - mer - ci - ful! Earth has for - sak - en  
 3. God the all - righ - teous one! Earth has de - fied you,  
 4. God the all - prov - i - dent! By your great chas - tening

thun - der and light - ning your strength to dis - play,  
 all you make ho - ly, and slight - ed your way;  
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stands what you say;  
 earth shall see free - dom and truth hold - ing sway;

bring forth com - pas - sion where vi - o - lence is reign - ing:  
 bid not your wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side you:  
 through the thick cha - os your reign is still has - tening:

give to us peace in our time, we pray.  
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.  
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.  
 you will give peace in your time, we pray.

WORDS: St. 1, 2, Henry F. Chorley, 1842, alt.; st. 3, 4, John Ellerton, 1870, alt.  
 MUSIC: Alexis Lvov, 1833

RUSSIAN HYMN  
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## Psalm 116:1-9, 12-17

Psalm 116:13-14, adapt.

David L. Edwards; arr. Charlotte Quarles

## RESPONSE

*Unison* C Am Dm G C Am  
 I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on your name, O  
 Dm G C F Dm G C  
 God. I will wor - ship you with all the peo - ple of faith.

R

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup> **Because you listened to me,**  
**I will call on you as long as I live.**  
<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
<sup>4</sup> **Then I called on the name of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”**  
<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
<sup>6</sup> **The LORD protects the simple;**  
**when I was brought low, God saved me.**  
<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
**for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**  
<sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.  
<sup>9</sup> **I walk before the LORD**  
**in the land of the living. R**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD  
for all God’s bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation**  
**and call on the name of the LORD,**  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people.  
<sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD**  
**is the death of the faithful.**  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice**  
**and call on the name of the LORD. R**

## Scripture Lessons for July 31, 2022

### DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob..

**LUKE 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**643 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**

*Refrain*

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home;

*Fine*

swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
2. If you get there be - fore I do,
3. I'm some - times up, I'm some - times down,

com - ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels

*D.C.*

com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 com - ing too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 heav - en - ly bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

SWING LOW  
 10 8.10 8 w. refrain