

The Falls Village Congregational Church  
August 21, 2022 10 a.m.  
11<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** *Sing to God* - G. F. Handel

**THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE**

**Call to Worship –**

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**We sing a song of peace and hope!**

Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

**Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!**

Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

**Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.**

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

**We come today to listen and to learn, to pray and to praise, to sing and to serve. We come affirming that our God is one God, whose love for us is one love, larger than the universe, longer than eternity. So, help us to come with an offering of our love, to come with all our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #56** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Holy and gracious God: at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find the solid thing that will center us again. Forgive us and help us to see You as our center, and to cling to the good that You create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, and all that adds to the world’s hurt. Help us to grow more into Christ’s likeness so that we will bear His love and truth to the world. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Reading –** Psalm 84, p. 745

**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:** Psalm 11, Habakkuk 2:20

Lynn Reifsnyder

Revelation 21:1-6

Rich Reifsnyder

**Prayer**

**Sermon:** “The Dwelling Place of God” (Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name)

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**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 #442** *We Are Walking*

**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.*

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For thy church that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,

1. for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 3. for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
 4. friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 5. of-fering up on ev-ery shore one pure sa-cri- fice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864  
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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# Psalm 84

Arlo D. Duba, alt,  
 Hal H. Hopson

## RESPONSE

*Unison*  
 How love-ly, O how love-ly is your a-bid-ing place.

## R

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
 O LORD of hosts!
- 2 **My soul longs, indeed it faints  
 for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
 to the living God.**
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,  
 and the swallow a nest for herself,  
 where she may lay her young,  
 at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
 my Sovereign and my God.
- 4 **Happy are those who live in your house,  
 ever singing your praise. R**
- 5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the valley of Baca  
 they make it a place of springs;  
 the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 **They go from strength to strength;  
 the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
 give ear, O God of Israel!
- 9 **Behold our shield, O God;  
 look on the face of your anointed. R**
- 10 For a day in your courts is better  
 than a thousand elsewhere.  
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
 than live in the tents of wickedness.**
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield  
 who bestows favor and honor.  
**No good thing does the LORD withhold  
 from those who walk uprightly.**
- 12 O LORD of hosts,  
 happy is everyone who trusts in you. R

## Scripture Lessons for August 21, 2022

### PSALM 11;

<sup>1</sup>In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me, “Flee like a bird to the mountains;<sup>2</sup>for look, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.<sup>3</sup>If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”<sup>4</sup>The LORD is in his holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in heaven. His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.<sup>5</sup>The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and his soul hates the lover of violence.<sup>6</sup>On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulfur; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

### HABAKKUK 2:20

<sup>20</sup>But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!

### REVELATION 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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## We Are Walking (Siyahamba/Caminando)

We are walk ing\* in the light of God, we are  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -  
Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God. We are  
hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -  
nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God we are  
kwen - khos' si - ya  
de Dios ca - mi

walk - ing in the light of the light of God. We are  
hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen kha - nyen'kwen-khos'. Si - ya  
nan - do en la luz de la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God  
kwen - khos'  
de Dios

\* marching/singing/dancing/praying

walk-ing  
ham - ba  
nan - do

walk-ing, we are  
ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,  
nan - do va - mos, ca - mi - nan - do

Oo

We are  
Si - ya  
Ca - mi

walk-ing, we are  
ham - ba, si - ya  
va - mos, ca - mi

walk - ing in the light of God.  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.  
nan - do en la luz de Dios.