

The Falls Village Congregational Church
August 21, 2022 10 a.m.
11th Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

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

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

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;

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

HABAKKUK 2:20

²⁰But 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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.” ⁵And 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.” ⁶Then 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

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* 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
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va - mos, ca - mi

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