

The Falls Village Congregational Church  
August 28, 2022 10 a.m.  
12<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** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - arr. M. Larkin

**THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE**

**Call to Worship – I John 3:1-2**

See what love God has given us, that we should be called children of God

**And so we are.**

Beloved, we are God's children now.

**It does not yet appear what we shall be.**

But we know when Jesus appears we shall be like him.

**For we shall see him as he is.**

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

**O God who leads us into mystery that no human words can fully express, and who invites us to experience a love which knows no bounds. May your Spirit touch us that we might know that you are present in those real places of life and can bring us hope in our hurting, clarity in our confusion, grace in our guilt, belief in our unbelief. Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe your life into our worship and our world. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #59 "This is My Father's World"**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Dear God, we confess that we have sinned. We want to do things on our own, without you. We have been distracted from your word and the invitation to be part of your kingdom, instead building kingdoms of our own making. Forgive us and let our prayers be genuine that your kingdom might come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. May the desire that your will be done shape our attitudes and our actions each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 119:1-8, p. 759

**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 20:1-6

1 Peter 2:4-12

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**Prayer**

**Sermon:** "Prayer and Providence" (Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven)

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**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**Musical Offering** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* - arr. S. DeFord

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE**

**Hymn #628 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**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.*

# This Is My Father's World

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the  
 3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in  
 God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.  
 rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

# Psalm 119:1-8

RESPONSE

Amy Grant (Ps. 119:105)  
 Michael W. Smith; arr. Keith Phillips

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

**R**

- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
 who walk in the law of God.
- 2 **Happy are those who keep God's decrees,  
 who seek God with their whole heart,**
- 3 who also do no wrong,  
 but walk in God's ways.
- 4 **You have commanded your precepts  
 to be kept diligently. R**
- 5 O that my ways may be steadfast  
 in keeping your statutes!
- 6 **Then I shall not be put to shame,  
 having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart,  
 when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- 8 **I will observe your statutes;  
 do not utterly forsake me. R**

## *Scripture Lessons for August 28, 2022*

### **2 KINGS 20:1-6**

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.”<sup>2</sup> Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD:<sup>3</sup> “Remember now, O LORD, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” Hezekiah wept bitterly.<sup>4</sup> Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him:<sup>5</sup> “Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.<sup>6</sup> I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.”

### **1 PETER 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now

you have received mercy.

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand 628

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
when my life is al - most gone,  
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.