

The Falls Village Congregational Church
October 16, 2022 10 a.m.
19th Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude - *Allegro* - F. Mendelssohn

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – Psalm 33
Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love be upon us, as we hope in you.
Be present, O Lord, as we worship you.

Prayer for God’s Presence (Unison)
O God, untamed by the names we give you. We say and hear so many words, but yours is the word we most need. Speak now, and help us to listen. May your living word work within us to do the things of which your word is capable—to quiet us and disturb us, to touch our need and break our pride, to shrink our certainties and enlarge our wonder. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Opening Hymn #5 “*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, p. 746
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: Genesis 3: 1-13 Bruce Anderson
Luke 14: 1, 7-24 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer
Sermon: “Sending our Regrets”
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering - *O Taste and See* - D. Wagner

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn “*For Everyone Born*”

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.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 5

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 3. My lov-ing Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim,
 4. Glo-ry to God and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Psalm 92:15; 18:2

Johann Crüger; harm. Felix Mendelssohn

RESPONSE

Sing praise to God our rock, in whom we take our ref - uge.

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- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- 6 **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. R**

- 13 Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 **Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**
- 16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- 17 **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands! R**

Scripture Lessons for October 16, 2022

GENESIS 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die;⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

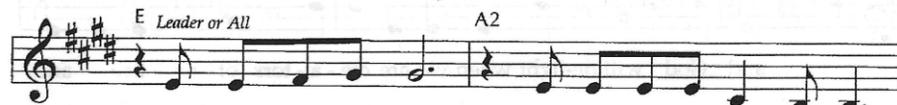
LUKE 14: 1, 7-24

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him

closely....⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

¹⁵One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many.¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’²⁰ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’²² And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’²³ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.’²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.”

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.