

The Falls Village Congregational Church

October 2, 2022 10:00 a.m.

17th Sunday after Pentecost - World Communion

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Church Bell

Choral Prelude -- *O Taste and See* - D. Wagner

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Lamentations 3)

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Prayer for God's Presence:

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us your servants that by your inspiration we may think on those things that are good and by your guidance may do the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #709 "*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with indifference, seek power to serve ourselves, and shrink from prophetic truth. Forgive us and gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the

gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Exodus 32:1-14

Sara Wardell

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon:

"Prayer and the Tempter's Snare" (and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil)

6th in a series on The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation #398 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

The Communion Prayer:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your heads

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right, and a good and joyful thing

(The Minister continues the prayer)

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please partake of the bread individually, when it is received, as a sign of our individual relationship to God, but hold the cup so we may drink together, as a sign of our unity before our God)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE CHURCH DISPENSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: "For Everyone Born a Place at the Table"

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.

709 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken,
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering,

Zi - on, cit - y of our God; God, whose word can -
spring - ing from e - ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy
see the cloud and fire ap - pear for a glo - ry

not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
and a cov - ering, show - ing forth that God is near!

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like our God, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the

round - ed, thou may - est smile at all thy foes.
 Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which God gives them when they pray.

Scripture Lessons for October 2, 2022

EXODUS 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron

saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread 398

1. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
2. There sup with us in love di - vine; thy bod - y and thy blood,

Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart,
that liv - ing bread, that heav - en - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

769 For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

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,

E A2 B_{sus} B

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,

F#m7 E/G# A2 B_{sus}

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,

E B_{sus} E B_{sus}

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

Refrain

B *All* E E/G# A2 Bsus B

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

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

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

C#m C#m/B A2

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

Bsus B E (E) *Fine* A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!