

The Falls Village Congregational Church
October 30, 2022 10 a.m.
21st Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude - *Bagatelle* - Beethoven

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – Psalm 19
The heavens are telling the glory of God
And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech
And night to night declares knowledge.
Let us worship for God who work is revealed in nature around us.

Prayer for God’s Presence (Unison)
O God, maker of all things, lover of all people: you are the source of our life and without you we and all things would cease to be. You are the ultimate reality and everything else derives its reality from you. Help us to worship you with mind and heart and all the power of our being. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Opening Hymn #100 *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Most merciful God, we are all too conscious of those things within us we hate to remember and yet cannot forget: our self-indulgences, our prejudices, our resentments, our hypocrisies, our selfishness. Forgive us, and help us to remember your love for us in spite of all that we are and do. Give us the assurance that our past is forgiven, and enable us to live in the fullness and freedom of life which you have promised. Amen.
Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 16: 5-11, p. 730
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: Isaiah 1:10-18 Barry Fenstermacher
Luke 19: 11-26 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer
Sermon: “Too Responsible?”
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering *Psalm 30: I Will Exalt You, O My Lord* –
A. D. Miller

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #70 *“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”*

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.

1. When morn ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
 2. Dis - cord - ant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine;

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 both now and ev - er - more: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

RESPONSE

Our hearts are glad, our souls re - joice, in God we dwell se - cure.

R

- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
 you hold my lot.
 6 **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
 I have a goodly heritage.**
 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
 in the night also my heart instructs me.
 8 **I keep the LORD always before me;
 because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R**
 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
 my body also rests secure.
 10 **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
 or let your faithful one see the Pit.**
 11 You show me the path of life.
**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
 in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R**

Scripture Lessons for October 30, 2022

ISAIAH 1:10-18

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. ¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

LUKE 19:11-26

¹¹As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹²So he said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. ¹³He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, ‘Do business with these until I come back.’ ¹⁴But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to rule over us.’ ¹⁵When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. ¹⁶The first came forward and said, ‘Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.’ ¹⁷He said to him, ‘Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.’ ¹⁸Then the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your pound has made five pounds.’ ¹⁹He said to him, ‘And you, rule over five cities.’ ²⁰Then the other came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, ²¹for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ ²²He said to him, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.’ ²⁴He said to the bystanders, ‘Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.’ ²⁵(And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten pounds!’) ²⁶‘I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have

nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

70 God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

Unison

1. God of the spar - row God of the whale
2. God of the earth - quake God of the storm
3. God of the rain - bow God of the cross
4. God of the hun - gry God of the sick
5. God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
6. God of the a - ges God near at hand

1. God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say
2. God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry
3. God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say
4. God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say
5. God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say
6. God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say

1. Awe How does the crea - ture say Praise
2. Woe How does the crea - ture cry Save
3. Grace How does the crea - ture say Thanks
4. Care How does the crea - ture say Life
5. Love How does the crea - ture say Peace
6. Joy How do your chil - dren say Home

* last time