

The Falls Village Congregational Church
October 9, 2022 10 a.m.
18th Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude - *Great is Thy Faithfulness* - arr. J. Carter

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Whom shall I fear.

The Lord is the stronghold of my life

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host encamp against me

My heart will not fear

Though war arise against me

Yet I will be confident

Prayer for God’s Presence (Unison)

O God, help us to feel your presence in worship and everywhere we go today--to see you in everyone we meet, to sense you in all that we hear, to reflect you in all that we do, to trust you in all we experience, to speak of and for you in all that we say, to thank you for everything today and every day. Amen.

Opening Hymn #86 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God: your son Jesus grew in wisdom and in years and in human and divine favor. We confess that too often we do not work at growing in the faith, but are content to remain babes in our knowledge and service. Forgive us, and help us to be full and mature Christians, growing in faith and love. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 104:1-13, p. 754

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 55:1-9

Luke 18:1-8

Maria Bulson

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “The Persistence of Prayer”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering - *Day by Day* - M. How

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #536 “When We Are Living “

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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

Refrain

as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Psalm 104:1–13

RESPONSE

Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.
Erneueren Gesangbuch

Praise be to God the Al-might-y, who rules all cre-a-tion.

R

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O God, you are very great.
- 2 You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.
- 3 **You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
- 4 you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
5 **you make the winds your messengers,**
fire and flame your ministers. R
- 6 You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
- 7 **You cover it with the deep as with a garment;**
the waters stood above the mountains.
- 8 At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- 9 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
- 10 **You set a boundary that they may not pass,**
so that they might not again cover the earth. R
- 11 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
12 **giving drink to every wild animal;**
the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 13 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
- 14 **From your lofty abode you water the mountains;**
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. R

Scripture Lessons for October 9, 2022

ISAIAH 55:6-12

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

LUKE 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)

Unísono (Unison)

D Em A7 D

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos
2. En es - ta vi - da, fru - tos he - mos de dar.

1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

Bm Em A7 D

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
Las o - bras fue - ras son pa - ra o - fren - dar.

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.

G Em A F#m

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

Estribillo (Refrain) *last time to Coda*

Bm Em A7 D

so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Coda (Solamente la última vez)

Bm Em A7 D

So - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
We be - long to God, we be - long to God.

3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos,
Estribillo

4. En este mundo, hemos de encontrar
gente que llora y sin consolar.
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,
Estribillo

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
Refrain

4. Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
Refrain