

The Falls Village Congregational Church
November 20, 2022 10 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude - *Let All Things Now Living* - arr. M. Larkin

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – Psalm 136:1-4

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Collect for Christ the King Sunday (Unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #717 “*Let All Things Now Living*”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we know that we forget about you. For the ways we forget to love you, the ways we forget to help our neighbors, the ways we forget to thank you, forgive us. For your blessings that we fail to see and fail to acknowledge, forgive us. Lord of goodness, open our eyes to all that you do as we silently confess our sins to you. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life

is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 100, p. 752

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: Psalm 145: 1-13, 21
Ephesians 1:3-4

Sara Wardell
Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Daily Blessings”
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering - *Count Your Blessings* - Oatman and Excell

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #715 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

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.

Let All Things Now Living

Descant

2. Ah,

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah,

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and four - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -
 claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night: till
 joic - ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, to

shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished, as
 all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Psalm 100

Psalm 100:1, 4
Larry Sivis

RESPONSE

Sing for joy. Give thanks and bless God's name.

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- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 **Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**
- 3 Know that the LORD is God.
**It is God who made us, to whom we belong;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.** R
- 4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's name.
- 5 For the LORD is good;
**God's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness to all generations.** R

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*Scripture Lessons for November 20, 2022**PSALM 145: 1-13, 21*

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ²Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your

wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, ¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds... ²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,

who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.