

The Falls Village Congregational Church  
November 6, 2022 10:00 a.m.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Choral Prelude – *I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love* - M. McDonald**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE**

**Call to Worship**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Prayer for God's Presence:**

**Eternal God, we come again, seeking, hoping, wanting to hear your word. We come because, despite our best efforts, we have failed to live by bread alone. We come with a desire too deep for words, with longings too infinite to express. We come yearning for purpose in our lives. We come acknowledging our need for each other's affirmation and encouragement. We come, confessing our dependence on you. Come, Lord Jesus, and be present as we worship you, for our needs are great, our desires strong. Amen.**

**Hymn #61 “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*”**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, in this precious moment in your presence and power give us assurance of your forgiveness and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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:** Genesis 18:1-8

Jack Wilcox

I Corinthians 11: 17-28

Rich Reifsnyder

**Prayer**

**Sermon:** “Table Manners”

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**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**Invitation to Communion**

**Hymn of Preparation #395 “*Seed, Scattered and Sown*”**

**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 DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: #411 "For the Bread, Which You Have Broken"

### Benediction

Benediction Response (gather in a circle around the sanctuary)

*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.*

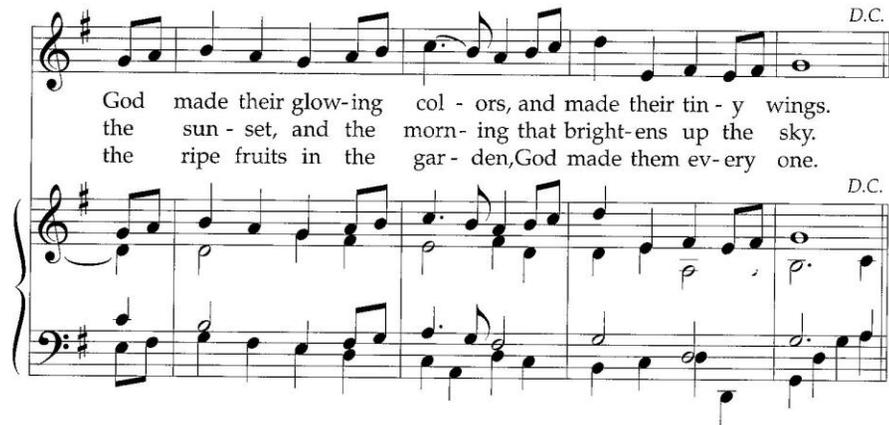
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## All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all. *Fine*

1. Each lit - tle flower that op - ens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,



God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their tin - y wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

*Scripture Lessons for November 6, 2022*

**GENESIS 18:1-8**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11: 17-28**

<sup>17</sup>Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. <sup>21</sup>For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you! <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

# For the Bread, Which You Have Broken 411

1. For the bread, which you have bro - ken, for the  
2. By these pledg - es that you love us, by your  
3. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; help us

wine, which you have poured, for the words, which you have  
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
to o - bey your word; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
bove us, con - se - crate our lives, O Lord.  
send us let your will be done, O Lord.

WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1924, alt.  
MUSIC: Charles J. Dickinson, 1861

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