

The Falls Village Congregational Church
February 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday after Epiphany
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Church Bell

Choral Prelude -- *Sing to the Lord* - D. Peterson

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1,4

O sing to the Lord a new song,

For the Lord has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praise.

Prayer for God's Presence:

Lord Jesus: We come to church to be with you and learn from you. During this time of worship, help us to focus. Enable us to hear what you have to say to us. Teach us, even when your word is hard. Give us the grace to receive your word, to grow in faith, and to deepen our discipleship. Amen.

Hymn #18 *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is an abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Fill us. We are weak in faith. Strengthen us. We are cold in love. Warm us, so that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

Lynn Reifsnnyder

Rich Reifsnnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Mirthful Christianity"

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation *"Come to the Table of Grace" (insert)*

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: #699 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

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.

18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
3. En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
4. Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

out your faith with cheer - ful voice; de - light in God whose
fash - ions us with - out our aid, who claims us, gives us
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, whose truth at all times

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - jice.
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

WORDS: William Kethe, 1561, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM
Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

Scripture Lessons for February 5, 2023

William Kethe's original "Old 100th" (1561)—Hymn #18

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why! the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

PSALM 100

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

18 Come to the Table of Grace

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F C7 F F7/C

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

Bb C F C

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

F Bb/F F7 Bb Bdim7

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

F/C C7 F

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

*Additional stanzas:
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

Suggested use: communion

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