

The Falls Village Congregational Church

April 16, 2023 10 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Fantasy on HOLY MANNA- arr. J. Carter (based on the final hymn #231)

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – (Based on John 20:19-31)

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Savior God, you have gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your word, read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen

Opening Hymn: #218 "Thine is the Glory"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that Christ is risen. Yet we often act as if he is still in the tomb. Forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us

enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude.

Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 100, p. 752

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also, with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Acts 2:22-24, 29-32

Jack Wilcox

Luke 24:13-35

Rich Reifsnnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "When Our Hearts Burn"

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *For Where God is There is Love* - D. Wagner

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #231 – "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be with You till We Meet Again

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary. Thanks to Terri M. Ott and *Presbyterian Outlook* for parts of today's liturgy.

Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love.

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Psalm 100

Psalm 100:1, 4
Larry Sivis

RESPONSE

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

R

- 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 April 16, 2023

ACTS 2: 22-24, 29-32

²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

LUKE 24: 13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name

was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

231 Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

liv - ing still, one who now is clos - er to us
 of the day, and have told him of the vi - o - lence
 night is near. Dine with us and share your wis - dom,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

than the thoughts our hearts dis - till, Christ who once up -
 that has swept our hope a - way. He has of - fered
 free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear. In the calm of

Bb7 Gm7 Bb7 Am7 Bb7 Gm7 C

on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,
 words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.
 each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath it. The bass staff contains a bass line with chords. Above the treble staff, a series of guitar chords are written: F, Dm, C, Gm7, Am, Bb7, C6, C, and F. The lyrics are: "died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend! Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night? if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone."

F Dm C Gm7 Am B \flat 7 C6 C F

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