

The Falls Village Congregational Church
June 18, 2023 10 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Remembrance Sunday
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –

We come rejoicing in the beauty of the world which God has made.

We come rejoicing in the living presence of Jesus in our midst.

We come rejoicing that he is still active in the world.

We come rejoicing in the signs of his Spirit in the lives of those around us.

We come rejoicing and ready to worship the God of all joy.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O God, you have made yourself known to us through Jesus Christ: We lift our heart in praise. Give us a sincere desire to meet you today in worship. Give life to our imperfect prayers. Give us an eagerness to hunger and thirst after what is right. In your mercy, fill us with your Spirit, that we may lack no good thing. Amen.

Opening Hymn –#91 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess with searing honesty just how far short we have come of your will and purpose for us. Indeed we confess how far short we have come of what we ourselves hoped we would be. Forgive us, and show us clearly what you would have us to be and to do. Give us courage to give up what gets in the way of being better disciples of Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from the stain of past sin, deliver us from its power, and grant us your mercy and your peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.

A Time of Remembrance

Litany of Remembrance and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn #637 “For All the Saints” (v. 1)

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Frank Hadsell

Romans 5:1-8

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “A World Full of Hope”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #537 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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.

Scripture Lessons for June 18, 2023

GENESIS 18:1-15

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. ²He 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. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let 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.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then 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.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

ROMANS 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Almighty and Everlasting God, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead

We praise you, O God, and bless your name.

For family members and friends and members of the household of faith, whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever.

We praise you, O God, and bless your name.

For the grace that we given to each of these persons, and the trust and hope in which they lived and died,

We praise you, O God, and bless your name.

We remember with thanksgiving each of these persons whom we now name before you:

(names read)

That we may hold them in continual remembrance, that their wisdom and goodness may inspire us to be more faithful disciples,

Hear us, O God.

That we may have a hope beyond this world, and think of them as with you and be sure that where they are, we may be also,

Hear us, O God.

This we pray in communion with the Holy Spirit, with the faithful in heaven and the redeemed in all ages, and all those who still fight and struggle and seek to be trustworthy disciples on earth. **Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE – #637, v. 1

**For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
3. O sin - ners, who can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

1. fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2. fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
3. gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
4. ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
5. fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

1. crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al
2. crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you
3. crown him Lord of all; go spread your tro - phies
4. crown him Lord of all; to him all maj - es -
5. crown him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -

1. di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
5. last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain
 On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.