

The Falls Village Congregational Church
July 9, 2023 10 a.m.
6th Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* - M. Hayes

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof,

The world and those who dwell therein.

For the Lord has founded it upon the seas,

And established it upon the rivers.

Come let us worship God, the Creator.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

God of wonderful traditions and new possibilities: Your people wait with expectation to hear your word. Surprise us with the mystery of your grace. Let us leave this place more confident of your life among us, more secure in our knowledge of your love, more determined to serve you with wisdom and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #97 "Fairer Lord Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

We gather today and recognize our need for you. We admit that it is easy to lose sight of your goodness and purpose when faced with emotional, physical, and spiritual storms. Anxiety and hopelessness too often fill our hearts. Forgive us for the times we lack trust in your promises. Help us hear your voice and see you move in our ordinary day-to-day lives. We pray in the name of the living Lord Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 121, p. 760

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: Genesis 25:19-34

Maria Bulson

Matthew 11: 25-30

Rich Reifsnnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "If Jesus Lived in my House"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *We Have Built This House on Faith* - M. Angerman

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #558 "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead 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.

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry hosts: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Psalm 121

RESPONSE

Jane Marshall

Unison
 My help comes from God, the Ma - ker of earth and sky.

R

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- 2 **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 The LORD will not let your foot be moved;
the LORD who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 **The One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep. R**
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 **The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 **The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. R**

Scripture Lessons for July 9, 2023

GENESIS 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright."

MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

558 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be- friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;
 3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa- vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre- pare.
 keep thy flock; from sin de- fend us; seek us when we go a- stray.
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear thy chil-dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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