

The Falls Village Congregational Church
August 20, 2023 10 a.m.
12th Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ring of the Bell
Prelude - *Andante* - F. Schubert

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –

We gather on a day like any other day.
We gather on a day unique and unlike any other day.
Come, brothers and sisters in Christ, touch and feel and taste
and smell the sacred in this day.
**For this is the day which our creator God has made; Let
us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Opening Prayer (Unison):

**O Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer: Help us to use
this time of worship to make us more joyful in our praise, more
knowledgeable in our faith, more compassionate in our service,
more eager to witness to your love, more firm in our hope of
eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #110 "You Servants of God"

Prayer of Confession

Loving and Almighty God, many times we think we love
you well, but we deceive ourselves. We confess our love for you is
diluted and divided. Our attention falls away. Our devotion dies.
Our commitment withers. Forgive us, O God. In your deep mercy,
spare us. Rekindle our love for you as we experience your love for
us through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.

**Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 15, p.729
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 39:1-23 Lynn Reifsnyder
Philippians 4:4-9 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Purity in an Impure World"
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *Think on These Things* - M. Patterson
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #579 "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

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.

You Servants of God

Descant

4. Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

1. You ser - vants of God, your Sav - ior pro - claim,
 2. God's truth reach - es high, al - might - y to save,
 3. Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4. Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,
 and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:
 and yet re - mains nigh: God's pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,
 the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim;
 all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

Psalm 15

Amos 5:24

Lon Oliver; harm. Larry Sivis

RESPONSE

Unison

Let jus - tice roll down like the wa - ter and
 right - eous - ness like an ev - er - flow - ing stream.

R

- 1 O God, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
 - 2 **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**
 - 3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
 - 4 **in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear God;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
 - 5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
- Those who do these things shall never be moved. R**

Scripture Lessons for August 20, 2023

GENESIS 39:1-23

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking.

⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud

voice; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

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.

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Refrain

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, stand-ing in the

need of prayer. It's me (it's me), it's

me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer. *Fine*

1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
2. Not the preach - er, not the teach - er, but it's
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's
4. Not the strang - er, not my neigh - bor, but it's

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