The Falls Village Congregational Church September 17, 2023 10 a.m. 16th Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Henry Frueh, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Fairest Lord Jesus - arr. M. Bober

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – (from Psalm 146)

Come, gather together like those who sat at Jesus' feet so many years ago.

We gather with joy, for we too want to be disciples of Christ. I tell you, Christ is here with us, calling us now to life and love. Let us praise God for bringing us together, and coming to us in Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Eternal God, in birthing us into this world you have shared a great gift – life in all its dimensions. For the joys and sorrows, for the smiles and tears, for health and suffering, for belief and doubt, we praise you. May your loving Spirit guide us in this life, and in the life that knows no end. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #97 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God: You eagerly call us to follow Jesus. And we quickly say, "Yes, Lord!" only to later become reluctant, tentative, fearful, and doubtful. The heartbeat of our faith grows faint. We make convenient excuses. We settle for the good instead of reaching for the best. Yet your call and desire for us never fades! Forgive our weary faith. Restore our joy. Set our feet upon solid ground once again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 8, pg. 728 **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: Micah 6:6-8 Tracy Atwood

Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Henry Frueh

Prayer

Sermon: "On a Hill Not So Far Away"

The Rev. Henry Frueh

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – Day By Day - M. How Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

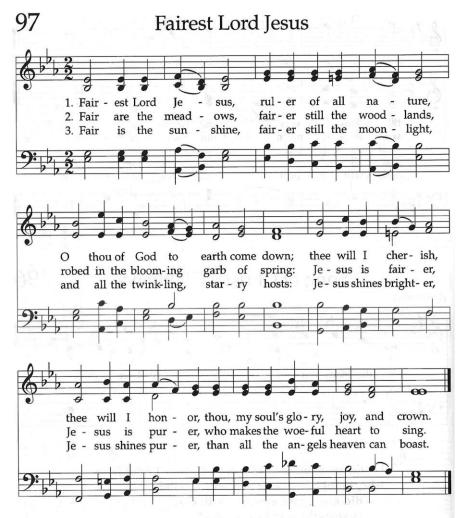
THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #342 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Benediction

Benediction Response- God Be with You till We Meet Again

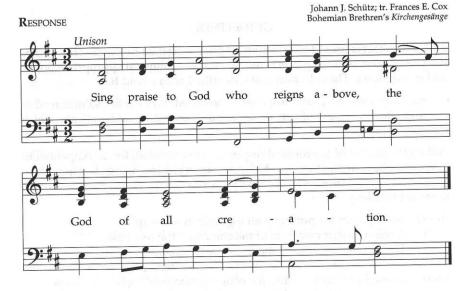
Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.



WORDS: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850, alt. MUSIC: Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

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Psalm 8



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O LORD, our God,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger. R

- When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
- what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
- Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. R
- You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

- the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Scripture Lessons for September 17, 2023

MICAH 6:6-8 (NRSV)

What God Requires

- 6 "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
- Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

MATTHEW 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

- 5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.





3.

Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
amor que quiera seguir amando.
Estribillo

4.
Tú, pescador de otros mares,
ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
amigo bueno, que así me llamas.
Estribillo

You need my hands, full of caring through my labors to give others rest, and constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*

4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. *Refrain*