

The Falls Village Congregational Church

October 22, 2023 10 a.m.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude - *Chorale* - M. Larkin

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – (from Ephesians 2)

In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ,

For he is our peace, who has made us one and has broken down the wall of hostility.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens,

But we are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Eternal God: In Jesus Christ you have shared your very self and given us the mystery of life. Renew us in this time of worship, that we might grow in faith and freely give from the grace you have given us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Hymn: #91 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Prayer of Confession

O God, whom we so easily call Lord; Forgive us for the excuses we make and the alibis we offer for not being faithful disciples. We enlist in your cause, but quickly lose interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves callous. Take our limitations and, by your grace, turn them into possibilities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 84, p. 745

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: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Barry Fenstermacher

Philippians 3:4-14

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Resume Building"

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *It's My Desire* - Bagley and Boyer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn # 609 "Take My Life"

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.

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.

Psalm 84

RESPONSE

Arlo D. Duba, alt.
Hal H. Hopson

How love - ly, O how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place.

R

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
- 2 **My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my Sovereign and my God.
- 4 **Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. R**
- 5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 **They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Israel!
- 9 **Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed. R**
- 10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield
who bestows favor and honor.
**No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.**
- 12 O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you. R

Scripture Lessons for October 22, 2023

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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