The Falls Village Congregational Church November 26, 2023 10 a.m. 26th Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King Sunday The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements Ringing of the Bell Prelude – Let All Things Now Living - M. Larkin

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

:

The time of gathering is here.

We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.

Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of helpful service to others.

In Christ's name, we come to praise and offer thanks.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: #234 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, in the midst of our thanksgiving we confess how often we lose sight of the gifts each day and of you, their giver. We forget about you—we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you. Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Silent Confession Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Gloria Patr	i #35 in hym	:1-4, 14-17, 21-24 p. 758 mal
Passing the Peace of Christ:		
The Peace of Christ be with you		
And also, with you		
Let us pass the peace		
Scripture:	Ezra 3:10-13	Lynn Reifsnyder
	John 6:1-15	Rich Reifsnyder
Prayer		
Sermon:	"When Jesus Gives Thanks"	

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

Offertory – *O Taste and See* - D. Wagner **Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer**

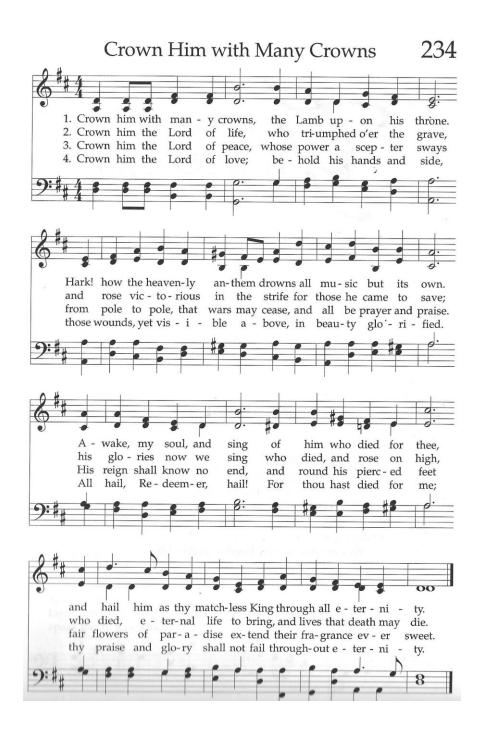
THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

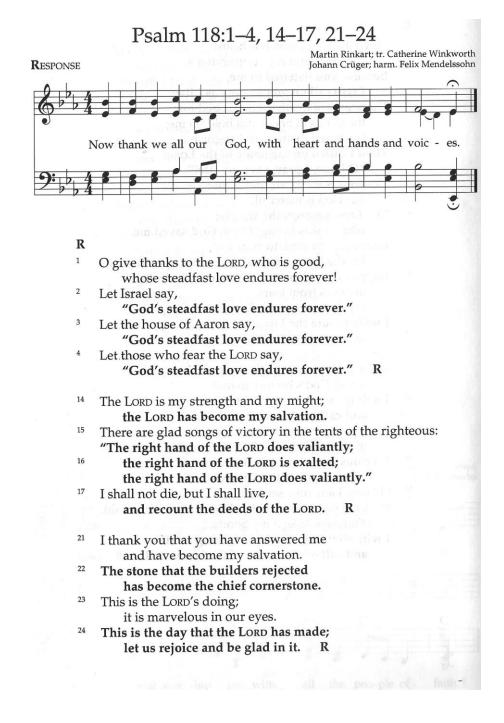
Hymn #717 "Let All Things Now Living"

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.





EZRA 3:10-13

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel;

<u>11</u> and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy;

<u>13</u> so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard afar.

JOHN 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.



