

The Falls Village Congregational Church
November 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Church Bell
Choral Prelude –

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

O Holy Spirit, who brings life to every gathering: bless this time of worship, those who lead and those who hear. Let the word which comes from your heart, speak to our hearts with conviction and power, that we might be more faithful disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise # 88 *"All My Hope on God is Founded"*

Prayer of Confession

Loving Lord: You are the bread of life, but we confess that we look for our nourishment elsewhere. We think our lives will be filled with the finest food and clothes, a nice house, a more successful job. But we remain hungry for love, for caring relationships, for assurance that our lives matter. Forgive our vain attempts to satisfy ourselves. Help us to be hungry for the things that matter, and to look to you and to your Word for the sustenance which lasts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.
Let us pass the peace of Christ.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Micah 6:6-8

I Corinthians 11:17-29

Tracy Atwood
Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Worthy Diners"

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation # 425 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

The Communion Prayer:

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your heads

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God
It is right, and a good and joyful thing
(The Minister continues the prayer)

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please partake of the bread individually, when it is received, as a sign of our individual relationship to God, but hold the cup so we may drink together, as a sign of our unity before our God)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: #595 "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be with You till We Meet Again

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You are invited to place your offerings as you leave in the plate at either entrance to the church.

All My Hope on God Is Founded

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1. All my hope on God is found-ed, who does still my
2. Hu - man pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3. But in ev - ery time and sea - son, out of love's a -

trust re - new. Safe through change and chance God guides me,
tray our trust; though with care and toil we build them,
bun - dant store, God sus - tains the whole cre - a - tion

ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true. God un - known,
tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's power,
fount of life for - ev - er - more. We who share

God a - lone, seeks to claim my heart as home.
hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
earth and air count on God's un - fail - ing care.

Scripture Lessons for November 5, 2023

MICAH 6: 6-8

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? ⁷Will 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?” ⁸He 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?

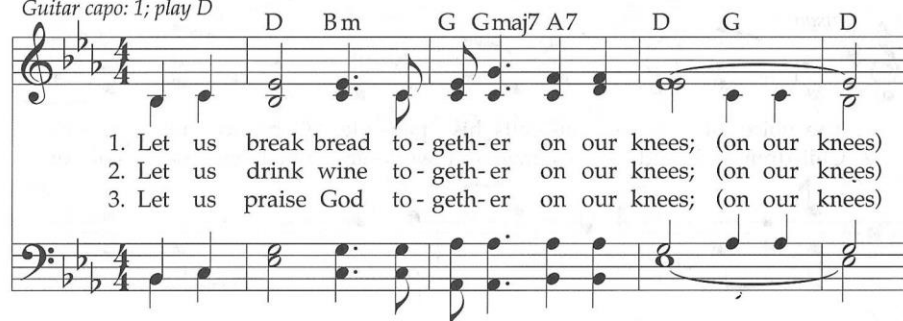
I CORINTHIANS 11: 17-29

¹⁷Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. ²¹For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²²What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you! ²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

Let Us Break Bread Together 425


Guitar capo: 1; play D

D Bm G Gmaj7 A7 D G D



1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; (on our knees)
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; (on our knees)
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; (on our knees)

D A Bm7 E E7 A A



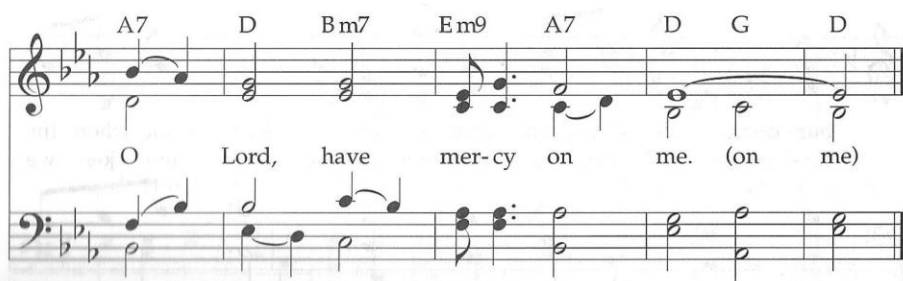
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Refrain D F#m B7 Em Em7 Am



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

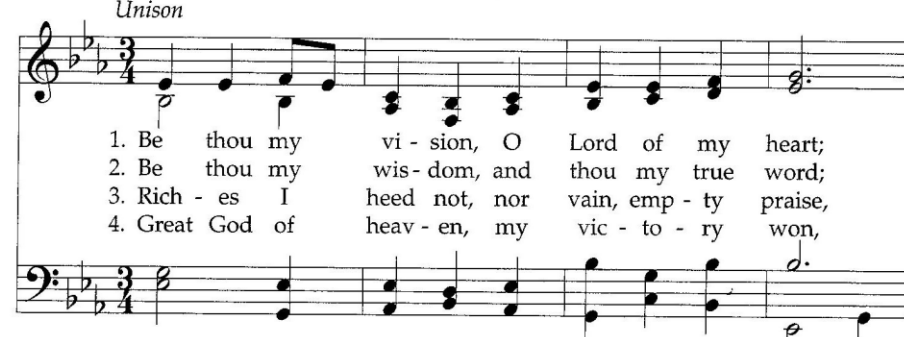
A7 D Bm7 Em9 A7 D G D



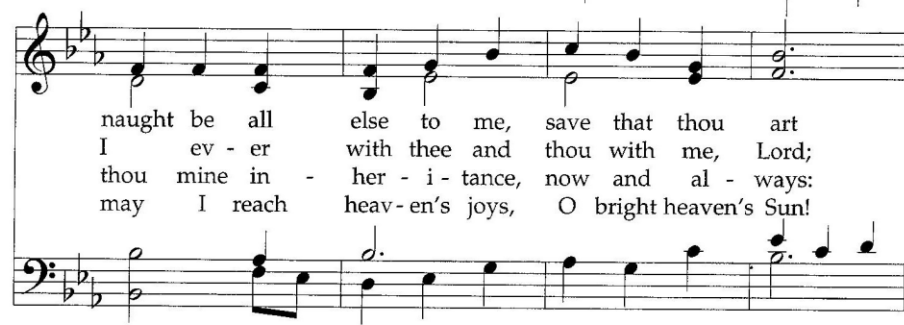
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me)

Be Thou My Vision 595

Unison



1. Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, emp-ty praise,
4. Great God of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art
I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways:
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my re-deem-er, my love thou hast won,
thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,



wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.
thou in me dwell-ing, and I with thee one.
Great God of heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.
still be my vi-sion, O Ru-ler of all.