

The Falls Village Congregational Church
January 28, 2024 10 a.m.
4th Sunday after Epiphany
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude – *Now Thank We All Our God* - arr. C. Callahan

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host encamp against me my heart will not fear.

Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

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Opening Prayer (Unison):

O Lord, we are here because we want to worship you with gladness and come into your presence with singing. We invoke your presence with us today so that no one will leave this place without a deeper assurance of your love, without a stronger confidence in your faithfulness, without a fuller commitment to live in your power and for your glory. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #75 “*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*”

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God: You speak to us and we do not hear. You call us and we do not respond. Forgive us for missing your voice. We expect you to speak in loud, dramatic ways, not in gentle, ordinary tones. We look for you to act in miraculous ways and forget the common miracles of daily living. Help us to turn our ears and lives to you and hear your voice. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 100, p. 752

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: Exodus 17:8-13
Mark 2:1-12

Lynn Reifsnyder
Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “An Ordinary Call”
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *I Wanna Thank You, Lord* - P. F. Simms

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.

75 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Unison

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. When you heard the won - der of the word I was
 5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es in and you

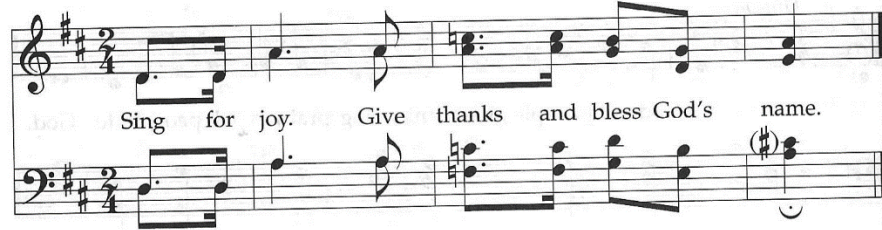
faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Psalm 100

Psalm 100:1, 4
Larry Sivis

RESPONSE



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- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 **Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**
- 3 Know that the LORD is God.
**It is God who made us, to whom we belong;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.** R
- 4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's name.
- 5 For the LORD is good;
**God's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness to all generations.** R

Scripture Lessons for January 28, 2024

EXODUS 17: 8-13

⁸Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But

Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

MARK : 1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Tú Has Venido a la Orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)

Unísono (Unison)

1. Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,
2. Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go:

1. Lord, you have come to the lake - shore
2. You know so well my pos - ses - sions;

no has bus - ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos,
en mi bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das,
look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones;
my boat car - ries no gold and no weap - ons;

tan só - lo quie - res que yo te si - ga.
tan só - lo re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
you on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
you will find there my nets and la - bor.

Estribillo (Refrain)

Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,

y son - rien - do has di - cho mi nom - bre;
and while smil - ing have spo - ken my name;

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
now my boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me;

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
by your side I will seek oth - er seas.

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

3.
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