

The Falls Village Congregational Church

February 11, 2024 10 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Psalm 62)

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

My hope is from him.

God is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress. I shall not be shaken.

Trust in God at all times, O people.

Pour out your heart before him, for God is our refuge.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Loving God: We bow in your presence. May your word be our rule, your spirit our teacher, and your greatest glory our supreme concern. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #27 “Come Thou Almighty King”

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, who by your love has made us, and through your love has kept us, and in your love would make us whole: We confess that we have not loved you with our heart and soul and mind and strength. Neither have we loved our neighbor as Christ has loved us. Your life is within us, but our selfishness has hindered you. Forgive what we have been. Help us to amend what we are, and in your Spirit, direct what we shall be, that your glory may be reflected in us and in all creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 42, p. 740

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 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Susan Kelsey
Mark 2:23-3:6 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Finding Sacred Time”
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory –

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #594 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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.

27 Come, Thou Almighty King

Descant

4. To thee, One in Three, e - ter - nal

1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

prais - es be, hence ev - er - more! Thy

name to sing; help us to praise: one God, all
 might - y sword; our prayer at - tend: come, and thy
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour! Thou who al -
 prais - es be hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

come, and reign o - ver us, an - cient of days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Psalm 42

RESPONSE

Psalm 42:1
 Don E. Saliers, alt.

Unison

As the deer longs for the wa - ter - brook, so my soul yearns for you, O God. God.

R

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
**When shall I come and behold
the face of God?**

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
**while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”** R

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
**how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,**
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.** R

My soul is cast down within me;
**therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
**all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.**

⁸ By day you command your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life. R

⁹ I say to God, my rock,
**“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”**

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
**while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**Hope in God whom I shall again praise,
my help and my God.** R

Scripture Lessons for February 11, 2024

EXODUS 20: 8-11, DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

MARK 2:23-3:6

²³One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

³Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

594 Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind (Dear God, Embracing Humankind)

1. Dear Lord, and Fa - ther of man - kind,* for -
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

1. give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2. side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3. calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4. all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5. cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1. right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
2. of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
3. share with thee the si - lence of e -
4. strain and stress, and let our or - dered
5. flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

1. ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2. out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
3. ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4. lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
5. wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

