

The Falls Village Congregational Church

February 18, 2024 10 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude – *The Quiet Journey* - T. Keesecker

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (Hebrews 4: 14-16)

Since then we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Almighty God” you know that in this world we are under great pressure, so that, at times, we cannot stand. In this time of worship, stiffen our resolve. Make our faith strong, so we may dig in against temptation and by your power, overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #4 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Prayer of Confession

O God of mercy: you sent Jesus to save lost people. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sin. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your son, our savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 51: 1-3, 6-7, 9-13, 15, p. 743

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: Isaiah 6:1-8

Hebrews 10: 19-25

Kay Blass

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “What’s All the Fuss About Worship?”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *Think on These Things* - M. Patterson

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #180 “*Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days*”

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.

4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4. Ho - ly, God Al - might - y!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Thy works praise thee in earth and sky and sea;

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin-ful hu-man eye thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

God most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God, all ho - ly, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 God ev - er - liv - ing, through e - ter - ni - ty.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Psalm 51:1-3, 6-7, 9-13, 15

Psalm 51:10
Carl F. Mueller

RESPONSE



R

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
**according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 **For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me. R**
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 **Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities. R**
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- 15 **O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise. R**

Scripture Lessons for February 18, 2024

ISAIAH 6:1-8

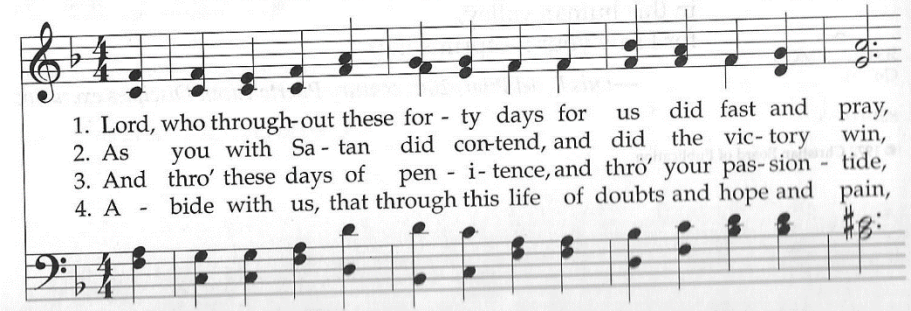
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

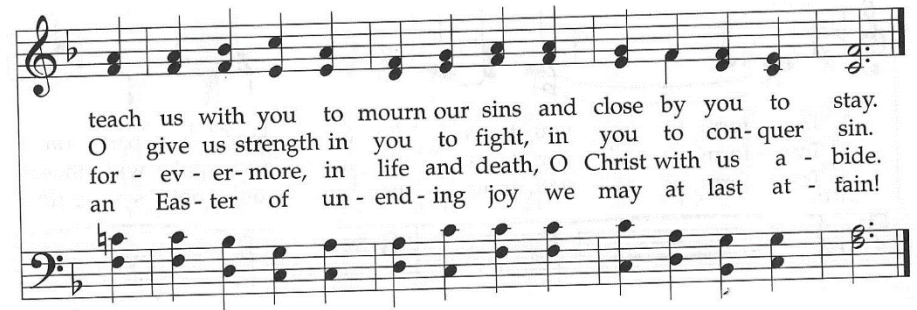
HEBREWS 10:19-25

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

180 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,
3. And thro' these days of pen - i - tence, and thro' your pas-sion - tide,
4. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,



teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.
for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ with us a - bide.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!