

Falls Village Congregational Church

April 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, you Easter people, who sing in the midst of uncertainty.

Let us worship our God, who is faithful and just.

Come, you Easter people, who rejoice in the face of suffering and despair.

Let us worship Jesus who defeated sin and death.

Come, you Easter people, who pray even when you don't have the words.

Let us worship the Spirit who intercedes on our behalf.

Come, you Easter people, let us worship the Lord this day.

Hymn 464 – God of Grace and God of Glory, vv. 1,2,5

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom grant us courage,

for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ assail thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the search for thy salvation, be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Opening Prayer

O God, who leads us into mystery that no human words can fully express, and invites us to experience love which knows no bounds: may your Spirit touch us in those real places of life, to bring us hope in our hurting, clarity in our confusion, grace in our guilt, belief in our doubt. Breathe your life into our worship and into our world. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, there is no one else like you. You are always true and faithful in your promises. You listen to us patiently with the compassion of a loving parent. You answer us with perfect wisdom. You brought us salvation. Yet we confess that we take you for granted and neglect time with you in prayer. We fail to follow your commandments. Forgive us, Lord. Call us to repentance, and set before us the gift of loving grace and abundant life, that we would hunger for the things that make us whole. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 19:1-10, p. 731

Response: The law of God is just, reviving all your soul

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and runs its course with joy and strength.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat. R**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb R

Gloria Patri
Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Deuteronomy 30:15-20

New Testament Scripture- John 9:1-12, 24-30

Sermon – God's Works Revealed in Pandemic Time?

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 546 – Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.

'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less
days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.**

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”