

Falls Village Congregational Church

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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will help come?

My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth

Hymn 5

**O For a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

Opening Prayer

Gracious God: Although we are apart from one another this day, unite us in spirit, that we may worship you faithfully and seek to serve you more lovingly, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to show us the way, teach us the truth, and give us abundant life. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 46

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The nations rage, dominions totter; God speaks, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Israel is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has brought desolations on the earth.

**Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth; who breaks the bow,
shatters the spear and burns the shields with fire.**

Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Israel is our refuge.

Scripture –

Psalm 124:1

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

Psalm 133:1

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

Acts 2:42, 46-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Meditation –“When Life Disrupts”

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 67

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the storm blast and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

Benediction

Postlude “*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*”