

Falls Village Congregational Church

May 3, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship for Communion

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

You are our God, and we will praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful loves endures forever!

Hymn #73 -There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (tune: *In Babilone*, #14)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There's a welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!

There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;

And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;

And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, be present with us as we worship. By your Spirit, tell us what we need to hear, show us what we ought to do, and then empower us to be bold to do it. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess during these days that we fail to recognize your presence with us. Our days are occupied by so many tasks, worries, and diversions, and we do not see you in the midst of everything.

Forgive us, we pray. Redirect our priorities, clear our vision, help us to see and follow you. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 8, p. 728

Response: Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

O Lord our God,

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants

You have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger R

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

The moon and the stars that you have established;

Who are human beings that you are mindful of them,

Mortals that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than God,

And crowned them with glory and honor. R

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

You have put all things under their feet.
All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field
The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our God
How majestic is your name in all the earth! R

Gloria Patri
Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Ezekiel 34:11-16
New Testament Scripture- John 10:1-5, 14-16, 22-30

Sermon – Voice Recognition

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation: # 413 Take Our Bread

Refrain: **Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts we love you,**

Take our lives, O Father, we are yours, we are yours

Yours as we stand at the table you set, yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget

We are the sign of your life with us yet, we are yours, we are yours. (Refrain)

The Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn # 558 – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In the pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has bought us thine we are;

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We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;

Keep thy flock, from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray;

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Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;

Blessed Lord and only Savior; why thy love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Benediction

Postlude “*God Be with You till We Meet Again*”