

Falls Village Congregational Church

May 10, 2020 -5th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship - Mother's Day

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God.
Let's worship together!

Hymn 23 – Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven, vv. 1,2,3

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all our days.**

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

**Motherlike, God tends and spares us, knowing well our fragile frame.
Fatherlike, God gently bears us, tender hearted, slow to blame.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me praise God's name.**

Opening Prayer

This day we gather with eager hearts, hungry for your Word, yearning for the joy you promise in love. O God, together we hold a vision of your kingdom, together we come desiring to be more fully, a people of prayer and open hearts, a loving body of Christ eager to learn and eager to share. On this day celebrating mothers, you bless us, O God, with the gift and the challenge of family. In all our relationships, in all our actions, shine upon us with the mercy of your grace and salvation. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all saints, God of all sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint like—holy, patient, good, loving. But we end up too often feeling like sinners—failing to live up to the values we profess, becoming selfish and petty more often than we wish. You know our humanness and see us as we are—beloved and flawed, trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 31:1-8, p. 738

Response: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

In you, O God, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

In your righteousness, deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. R

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, faithful God.

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in you.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;

You have taken heed of my adversities, and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. R

Gloria Patri
Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Ruth 1:1-18
New Testament Scripture- Luke 18: 15-30

Sermon – Family Values Revisited

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 526 The Gift of Love

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”