

Falls Village Congregational Church

May 24, 2020 -7th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Our God is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

Our God does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable

God gives power to the faint, and to those who have no might, God increases strength.

Hymn 6 Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above

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

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled;

To God all praise and glory.

Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory

Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises,

That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:

To God all praise and glory.

Opening Prayer

O Triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit: Use this time of worship to make us more joyful in our praise, more knowledgeable in our faith, more compassionate in our service, more eager to witness to your love, more firm in our hope of eternal life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. You joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. You united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. You gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. Lord, have mercy on us. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 24, p. 735

Response: The earth is God's, and the fullness of all the world and its people, the great and the small

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

The world, and those who live in it;

For God has founded it on the seas

And established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clear hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. R

Gloria Patri

Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Jeremiah 17:5-8

New Testament Scripture- 1st John 3:1-7

Sermon – All God's Children

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 720 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.**

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”