

Falls Village Congregational Church

June 28, 2020 - 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship -

Open us up, God: for all you have for us today.

Open our eyes, God: to see you reflected in every human face.

Open our hearts, God: to feel your compassion for this broken world.

Open our ears, God: to hear the whisper of your Spirit and the wisdom of your Word.

Open our hands, God: this is your ministry, your Kingdom, your power, your glory.

Open our lips, God: That our mouths may sing out your praise Seek thee Lord,
while the Lord may be found.

Hymn 517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;

Take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come almighty to deliver, lee us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God: give us grace not only to hear but to do your word, not only to admire but to obey your truths, not only to love but to live your good news. So grant that what we learn of your glory we may receive into our hearts and show forth in our lives. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, again and again, you offer your children abundant life but we refuse to accept there is enough for everyone. Help us to never take for granted the food that we have, and forgive us when we tell ourselves that hunger is not our problem. Help us to never take for granted the privileged lives we have, and forgive us when we tell ourselves that racism and poverty are not our problems. Again and again, O Holy God, we need your forgiveness. With

your grace, disturb our complacency and bestir our compassion that we might contribute to the loosening of the bonds of injustice. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 121, p. 760

Response: My help comes from God, the maker of earth and sky.

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

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. R

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. R

Gloria Patri

Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Genesis 22:1-14

New Testament Scripture- Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon – The Bible’s Most Disturbing Story

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 556 Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

R: Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he will richly repay;

Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. R

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we’ll walk by his side in the way;

What he says we will do, where he sends, we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. R

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”