

Falls Village Congregational Church
August 2, 2020 - 9th Sunday After Pentecost
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.

Hymn 97 Fairest Lord Jesus

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down:
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry hosts:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

Collect for Communion: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, who by your love has made us, and through your love has kept us, and in your love would make us perfect: We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Neither have we loved one another as Christ has loved us. Your love is within us, but our selfishness has hindered you. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are ; and in your Spirit direct what we shall be, that your glory may be reflected in us and in all creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – God is for Us (Romans 8), p. 640

Response: Strong is God's love for us, Alleluia.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

God, who did not withhold God's only Son but gave him up for all of us—will God not also give us all things with him?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

Nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

Nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. R

Gloria Patri

Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture – Jonah 2
New Testament Scripture- Matthew 12:38-41

Sermon – Deliverance

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation: 420 I Come with Joy, vv. 1-3

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends,
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

The Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

**Response: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We have gathered at our tables with thankful hearts for all God's blessings. We have taken bread and cup, knowing that you nourish our hearts as we nourish our souls. Help us know your presence at every table where we gather. Fill us and send us into the world, to share your love. Amen

Hymn 638 In the Bulb There is a Flower

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise,
Butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future, what it holds a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”