

Falls Village Congregational Church

July 12, 2020 - 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship - from Matthew 11: 28-30

Jesus said, "come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

Show us the way, Lord.

Jesus said, "take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

Show us the way, Lord.

Jesus said, "for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls".

Show us the way, Lord.

Jesus said, "for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Show us the way, Lord.

Let us worship God, tender and just.

Hymn 64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

**We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at your command and all the stars obey.**

**We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food;
You formed the creatures with your word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh! How your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes:
If we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.**

**There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.**

Opening Prayer

Give to us this day, O Lord, humility to listen to your word, wisdom to understand your word, and strength to obey your word, through Jesus Christ, who is the Word, and who came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God: You love us, but we do not always express that love. You call us but we do not always listen. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 139: 1-12, p. 765.

Response: Search me, O God, and know my heart.

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. R.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, “surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night.”

Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you. R

Gloria Patri

Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Exodus 3:11-17

New Testament Scripture- Colossians 2:1-7; 3:1-3

Sermon – God’s Mystery and our Plans

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 622 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide, me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Bear me through the swelling current; land me safe of Canaan’s side;

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”