

# *Falls Village Congregational Church*

*July 19, 2020 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*Order of Worship*

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## **Welcome and Words of Introduction**

### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship - from Luke 1:78-79**

By the tender mercy of our God,  
**the dawn from on high will break upon us,**  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
**to guide our feet into the way of peace.'**  
Let us worship God, tender and just.

#### **Hymn 2 Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals join the happy chorus; stars of morning take your part;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Merciful God: We come together to worship longing for tenderness because this world can be hard. We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows. We come looking for guidance because we desperately need direction. Fill us this day with your peace, for your spirit is our peace and our path. Amen**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and gracious God, before you all hearts are open; all our minds are fully known. We are a broken people, deep inside our souls, and in our relationships with others. We are a fractured society, and we all suffer as a result. Our sins of omission, of judging others, of thinking we've got it all figured out, and our failures of compassion – As we confess, we ask for your**

healing. We know we are one in you. We are brothers and sisters. We actually do love one another. Awaken this deep truth in all of us, so we might live fully as your people, and discover peace in our hearts, so reconciliation with others might dawn. Amen

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 150, p. 768.**

**Response: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the Lord rejoice and sing!**

Praise God! Praise God in the sanctuary!

**Praise God in the mighty firmament!**

Praise God for mighty deeds;

**Praise God for exceeding greatness!**

Praise God with trumpet sound;

**Praise God with lute and harp!**

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

**Praise God with strings and pipe!**

Praise God with clanging cymbals;

**Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that breathes praise God!

**Praise God! R**

**Gloria Patri**

**Offering of the Peace**

**Old Testament Scripture –Jeremiah 29:4-11**

**New Testament Scripture- 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

**Sermon – An Approved Worker**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 480 I Love to Tell the Story, vv. 1,3**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.**

**Refrain: *I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

**Refrain**

**Benediction**

**Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”**