

Falls Village Congregational Church

July 26, 2020 - 8th 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.**

Hymn 75 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, you hold the entire universe in your hands and yet you care for our smallest need: Grant that in this time together we may come to know your more clearly, follow you more nearly, love you more dearly. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we rejoice in your resurrection and the promise of abundant life. Help us to live today as people who await the fulfillment of your kingdom. We confess that we often look for help and comfort apart from you. Forgive us. Bend us toward the hard work of prayer, worship,

repentance, and intercession. As throughout history you have used the seemingly weak to nurture justice, fight poverty, and bring hope to a hurting world, use even us, that we may be faithful ambassadors of your salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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 clean 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 –Jonah 1

New Testament Scripture- Mark 1:16-20

Sermon – Do You Mean Me?

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 337 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult vv.

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,

Day by day his sweet voice soundest, saying, "Christian, follow me.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,

From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,

Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian love me more than these."

Benediction

Postlude "God Be with You till We Meet Again"