

*Falls Village Congregational Church*  
*July 5, 2020 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Order of Worship for Communion*  
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**Welcome and Words of Introduction**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** – from Psalm 33

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord  
**The people whom he has chosen for his heritage**  
Truly the eye of the Lord is one those who fear him  
**On those who hope in his steadfast love.**  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us.  
**Even as we hope in you.**

**Hymn 720 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.**

**Opening Prayer -- Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory. You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to us in this church and this nation a zeal for justice and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 15, p. 729**

**Response: Let justice roll down like the water and righteousness like an ever flowing stream**  
O God, who may abide in our tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**  
Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,  
Nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
**In whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear God;**

**Who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**  
Who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
**Those who do those things shall never be moved. R**

**Gloria Patri**  
**Offering of the Peace**

**Old Testament Scripture** -1 Samuel 8:4-20  
**New Testament Scripture-** Galatians 5:1

**Sermon – A Moral Nation?**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Invitation to Communion**

**Hymn of Preparation: 425 One Bread, One Body, vv. 1,2**  
*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless*  
*And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. R**
2. **Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. R**

**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)**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Hymn 439 God, Dismiss us with your Blessing**

**God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;**  
**Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.**  
**O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.**  
**May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;**  
**Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.**

**Benediction**

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