

## ***Falls Village Congregational Church***

*August 23, 2020 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*Order of Worship*

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### **Welcome and Words of Introduction**

### **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship – Psalm 8**

God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! Your glory is sung by all of your creation!

**When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder — who are we that you care for us and for this world?**

You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days.

**O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

### **Hymn 619 “My Life Flows On” (vv. 1,2,3)**

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.**

**I head the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.**

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

**What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain***

**Opening Prayer:** Most holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing,, renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may see with your eyes, love with your heart, and live with your courage, after the manner of Jesus who makes us whole. Amen.

### **Call to Confession**

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

Loving Lord, who makes all things new: You call us to look forward to the future, but we confess we spend much of our time looking backwards. We focus on “might have beens” and “should have dones” rather than making the most of the opportunities before us. Fix in us firmly the assurance that you forgive our mistakes and lead us into new purposes according to your will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 95:1-7, p. 747**

**Response:** Come into God’s presence with a joyful song!

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods,

In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

**The heights of the mountains are God's also. The sea belongs to God who made it,  
and the dry land, which God's hands have formed. R**

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand R**

**Gloria Patri**

**Offering of the Peace**

**Old Testament Scripture** –Exodus 14:19-25, 30-31

**New Testament Scripture-** Matthew 14:22-33

**Sermon** – When We Begin to Sink

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 618 "How Firm a Foundation" (vv 1,3,5)**

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overthrow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress"**

**"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to thy foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

**Benediction**

**Postlude "God Be with You till We Meet Again"**