

Falls Village Congregational Church

August 30, 2020 - 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 63

O God, you are our God.

We seek you because your steadfast love is better than life.

Our lips will praise you. We will bless you as long as we live;

We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Hymn 90 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen.

Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise we with grateful choice. Alleluia! Amen.

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen.

Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen.

Christ is our guide and friend on whom we can depend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen.

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen.

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen.

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore.

Singing forevermore; Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Prayer: O Holy One, untamed by the names we give you. We hear and say so many words, but yours is the word we most need. Speak to us now and help us to listen. May your word, the living Word, work within us to do all those things of which your word is capable—to quiet us, to disturb us, to touch our need, to break our pride, to shrink our certainties, to enlarge our wonder. Be present, O Lord. Speak to us and help us to listen. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we refuse to bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your word unite us to Christ, from whom we grow in grace Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 133, p. 764

Response: Unite us, God, unite us in your everlasting love.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

On the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there God ordained a blessing: life forevermore! R

Gloria Patri

Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture – I Samuel 16: 14-23

New Testament Scripture- Acts 15:30-41

Sermon – Getting Along

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,

Leaning, leaning, learning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”