

# *Falls Village Congregational Church*

*September 13, 2020 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*Order of Worship*

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## **Welcome and Words of Introduction**

### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship – Psalm 95**

O come, let us sing to our God;

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

We come, O God, into your presence with thanksgiving,

**Rejoicing with songs of praise!**

#### **Hymn 100 When Morning Gilds the Skies**

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine; may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Opening Prayer:** Gracious God, we come seeking you in the midst of our joy and brokenness, as individuals and as a community. Move among us during this time of worship. By the power of your Holy Spirit, turn us from preoccupation with ourselves to your truth, in our thoughts, prayers, and song, and in all our living. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

### **Call to Confession**

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

**Merciful God, our judge and our redeemer, in whom we have life and grace and light: We confess that our lives are marked by shadows and we have not lived by the light you have given us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we turn aside from need, when our eyes are so fixed that we are blind to our own sin. Place your law within us, that we may joyfully serve you. Give us new hearts and place within us the mind of Christ, that we may choose your will and walk in your light. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 23, p. 734 (response 1)**

**Response: My shepherd, you supply my need and holy is your name.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

He leads me beside the still waters; he restores my soul

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil

**For you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. R**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. R**

**Gloria Patri**

**Offering of the Peace**

**Old Testament Scripture –I Samuel 18:1-5**

**New Testament Scripture- John 15:14-17**

**Sermon – Fostering Friendships**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 585 What A Friend We Have in Jesus**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,**

**All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?**

**Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

**Benediction**

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