

# *Falls Village Congregational Church*

*September 20, 2020 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*Order of Worship*

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## **Welcome and Words of Introduction**

### **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship –**

A love that never ceases,  
**A creativity that designed the universe,**  
A hope that cannot be quenched,  
**A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:**  
These are the things that are of God,  
**Then let us worship God.**

### **Hymn 285 How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely**

**How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;  
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.**

**In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day  
Is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord  
Then revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.**

**A sun and shield forever, as you, O God most high;  
You shower us with blessings no good will you deny.  
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,  
And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.**

**Opening Prayer:** Eternal God, you are our Rock, you are the firm foundation for everything we build. You give gifts to your people for the good of the church. You equip and train your people to carry out the good works you have prepared for us. As we meet today, we ask that you would provide wisdom, guidance and direction. Remind us that you are our loving ally, you are our fortress, you are our tower of strength and you are our rescuer. Everything we need is found in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### **Call to Confession**

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

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Forgive us our too small faith, and help us to find courage in unlikely places, to see the world with new and gracious eyes, and to move to those places where love is needed. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 84, p. 745

**Response: How lovely, O how lovely is your abiding place.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my sovereign and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. R**

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

**In those whose heart are the highways to Zion**

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

**They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Israel!

**Behold our shield, O God: look on the face of your anointed. R**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield who bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. R**

**Gloria Patri**

**Offering of the Peace**

**Old Testament Scripture** Exodus 16:1-8

**New Testament Scripture-** Matthew 20:1-16

**Sermon** – Getting What We Deserve

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 561 It is Well with My Soul**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul**

*Refrain: It is well ( it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul.**

*Refrain*

**My God haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.**

*Refrain.*

**Benediction**

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