

Falls Village Congregational Church

September 27, 2020 - 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship –

We gather as God's beloved children—

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community—

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other—

Let us worship God.

Hymn 261 Sweet, Sweet Spirit (2x)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place and I know it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Opening Prayer: Gracious God: We are grateful to be again in this place, where for so many years prayers have been uttered, truth proclaimed, and songs lifted up in joyful praise. May your Spirit be present with each of us, refreshing and renewing and empowering us with your love, that we might leave this place eager to serve you more faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have loved us in the deepest possible way, but we have not loved you. You have called us to follow Christ, but we have not always listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with prejudice, warfare and greed. Forgive us, and help us once more to repent and to be made new by your grace, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen..

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 122, p. 761

Response: God has made me glad, God has made me glad, I will rejoice, for God has made me glad

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem .

“May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. R

Gloria Patri

Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 133

New Testament Scripture- Acts 2: 42, 46-47

Sermon – Together Again

The Offertory – “The Gift of Love”

(Please deposit your offering in the plate at the front of the church as you leave the building)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 274 I Love Your Church, O God

**I love your church, O God, on earth your blest abode,
The people our redeemer saved with his own precious blood.**

**I love your church, O God, whose walls before you stand,
Dear as the apple of your eye, and graven on your hand.**

**In love my tears shall fall, in love my prayers ascend,
To serve your church, my toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.**

Benediction

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