

Falls Village Congregational Church
September 6 , 2020- 14th Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Worship for Communion
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Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship –

This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn 33 How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!
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**When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**
Refrain

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;**
Refrain

Collect for Communion: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God: In Jesus Christ you came not to be served but to serve. You give us so much. Yet we confess that we come too often not with a spirit of gratitude, but rather expecting our needs to be met, our desires gratified, our wishes fulfilled. Forgive us, and empower us to be servants and stewards, ready to return to you and to others the blessing you gave to us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 – Numbers 11 :10-17
New Testament Scripture- John 15:7-13

Sermon – Laying Our Burdens Down

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation: ‘Come, Bring Your Burdens to God” (sung 3x)
Come, bring your burdens to God; Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

The Prayer of Consecration and Lord’s Prayer
Response: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We have gathered at our tables with thankful hearts for all God’s blessings. We have taken bread and cup, knowing that you nourish our hearts as we nourish our souls. Help us know your presence at every table where we gather. Fill us and send us into the world, to share your love. Amen

Hymn 501 There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain- **There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,**
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, “He died for all!” Refrain

Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge, He’ll ne’er refuse to lend. Refrain

Benediction

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