

The Falls Village Congregational Church
June 20, 2021 10 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Terry Ryan, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

God sent Christ into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God's love endures forever.

Let us worship God who promises us life abundant and life eternal.

Opening Hymn: #112 *Holy Ground*

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear and receive your word.

Silence in us any voice but your own, so that hearing, we may also trust you and learn to obey your will. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our

sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

A Time for Children: "Wouldn't It Be Great"

Responsive Reading—Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14. Page 736

Gloria Patri #35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-6 Rowena Fenstermacher
John 8:31-47 Rev. Terry Ryan

Prayer

Sermon: "Progression Erosion" Rev. Terry Ryan

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #608 *And I Would Be True*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Holy Ground

G/A Gmaj7/A D A/E D/F# G
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly

D/F# Em D G/A G F#m F#m7
 ground, and I know that there are

B7 B7(b9) E/G# Gm6 Gm Gm(#7)
 an - gels all a - round; let us

D/F# A7/E D G D/F# Em
 praise Je - sus now,

F#m7 G D/F# G
 we are stand - ing in his

D/A Em7/A D G/D D
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

*Scripture Lessons for June 20, 2021**Exodus 3:1-6***Moses at the Burning Bush**

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." **4** When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." **5** Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

True Disciples

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸ I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”^[a]

Jesus and Abraham

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing^[b] what Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are indeed doing what your father does.” They said to him, “We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. ⁴⁴ You are from

your father the devil, and you choose to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God.”

I Would Be True

1. I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
 2. I would be friend of all—the foe, the friend-less;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;
 I would be giv - ing, and for - get the gift;

I would be strong, for there is much to suf - fer;
 I would be hum - ble, for I know my weak - ness;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare,
 I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,

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