

The Falls Village Congregational Church
July 18, 2021 10 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Terry Ryan, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Morning Prayer* – N. Palmer

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

Minister: We have come into this holy place to
worship.

People: We open our hearts to God.

Minister: We open our souls to Jesus.

**People: We open our whole selves to the movement
of the Holy Spirit within us. We are ready to listen, to
prayer and to praise.**

**All: Come, you and I, and together we shall worship
the Lord!.**

Opening Hymn: #269 *Spirit of the Living God*

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Then let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

**Thank you Lord for this moment of life and this sacred time
of worship. Quiet our minds and speak comfort to our fears,
anxieties and worries. Open within us that which has been closed
and pour into us Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Jesus, You see us as we truly are. You know us despite our
disguises and hear our words that we thought no one else could hear.
We have much to confess and even more of which we need to repent.**

**Turn our hearts toward love and away from bitterness and hatred.
Forgive us our sins and place our feet on new paths of hope, faith and
truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**
Silent Confession
Proclamation of Forgiveness

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Thinking About Tomorrow

Responsive Reading Psalm 107, 1-9, 33-43 Page 755

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: Isaiah 40: 28-31

Philippians 2:12-13

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Prayer

Sermon: "FEAR NOT"

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #214 *Rock of Ages*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43

James Weldon Johnson
J. Rosamond Johnson

RESPONSE

Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en

ring. Let them re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.

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- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, who is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,**
those redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- 5 **hungry and thirsty,**
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD,
who delivered them from their distress;
- 7 **and led them by a straight way,**
until they reached an inhabited town.
- 8 Let them thank the LORD for steadfast love,
for wonderful works to humankind.
- 9 **For the LORD satisfies the thirsty,**
and fills the hungry with good things. R

33 The LORD turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 **a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.**
35 The LORD turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
36 **And there the LORD lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in;**
37 they sow fields, and plant vineyards,
and get a fruitful yield.
38 **They multiply greatly by the blessing of the LORD,
who does not let their cattle decrease.**
39 When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
40 the LORD pours contempt on despots
and makes them wander in trackless wastes,
41 **but raises up the needy out of distress,
and makes their families like flocks.**
42 The upright see it and are glad;
and all wickedness stops its mouth.
43 **Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD. R**

Scripture Lessons for July 18, 2021

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Philippians 2:12-13

Shining as Lights in the World

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
 to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.