

The Falls Village Congregational Church
February 8, 2026, 10 a.m.,
5th Sunday of the Epiphany
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude – Moderato - F. Mendelssohn

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (Psalm 123):

One: To you, Lord, I lift up my eyes,

All: *O You who are enthroned in the heavens!*

One: As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their lord,

All: *So our eyes look to the Lord, our God, until he has mercy upon us.*

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Spirit Divine, we are created in your image and bound by your love. As we encounter you in this time and place, open our eyes to see your face, open our ears to hear your truth, open our mouths to proclaim your grace, calling us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: #586 “Open My Eyes that I May See”**

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, you are alive among us, yet we fail to notice. We allow the familiar to lull us to sleep and our assumptions to feed our fear. Forgive us for overlooking your face revealed in the friend, the stranger, and the enemy. Turn us toward one another with eyes to see through the labels, hearts feel your grace, and lives to reflect the image in which we are all created. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

#35 in hymnal

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Let us extend that same peace to one another.

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17

Rowena Fenstermacher

Mark 6:1-6

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

Sermon: “Great Expectations”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – Alleluia - A. Miller

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn: #183 “We Meet You, O Christ.”**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response – God Be with You till We Meet Again**
(forming a circle around the sanctuary, please sing:)

*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep in love enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Scripture Lessons for February 8, 2026

Genesis 28: 10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[c] in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Mark 6:1-6

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense^[b] at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.