

The Falls Village Congregational Church
May 10, 2026, 10 a.m., 6th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude – *Morning Prayer*- N. Palmer

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

***Call to Worship (Psalm 90)**

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations

All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world.

One: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love so that we may rejoice and be glad in all our days.

***Opening Hymn #275 “Christ, is Made the Sure Foundation”**

Opening Prayer

Mary Randolph

God from whom all blessing flow, as we come together, we bring our gratitude for the gifts around us, before us, and within us. Sanctify these gifts as vessels to respond to your grace in ways that bring us closer to you, to one another, and to our true selves. Call us through the waters of uncertainty and fear that we might trust in your steadfast love and follow you into life eternal. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We come to your presence, O God, as broken people in search of wholeness. We come filled with the fruits of our labor, yet we are empty. We come seeking eternity, but we fear the kind of death that it will require. Forgive us for holding onto the strings that entangle us, for forming our identity in the image of our works, for fearing the freedom that you provide.

Silent Confession

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*repeat as guided*)

By God’s grace, you are created again.

In Christ, you are accepted, no matter what.

Through the Holy Spirit, you are freed to truly live.

Be at peace and know you are forgiven.

***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.

(you are invited to offer Christ’s peace to your neighbor)

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-18

Kay Blass

Mark 10:17-22

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Sermon: “The Cost of Being Free”

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *The Gift of Love* - arr. H. Hopsin

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:** #595 “Be Thou My Vision”

***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 counsel guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold 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 again, God be with you till we meet again.

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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WELCOME: We welcome those who are visiting us today! We are grateful that you are here and encourage you to join us for a time of fellowship after worship in Miner Hall (the room through the door to the left of the pulpit).

We would love to know you better. Please know that whomever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are always welcome here.

BIBLE STUDY: Please join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in Miner Hall for a study on the Gospel According to Matthew. This week, we are taking a look at Matthew's chapters 12 and 13 (again) to focus on Matthew's idea of the Kingdom of Heaven as we explore this idea through the parables.

All are invited.

OFFERINGS: Any tithes, offerings, and/or prayer requests may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Scripture Lessons for May 10, 2026

Joshua 24:14-18

¹⁴ “Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Mark 10: 17-22

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.