

The Falls Village Congregational Church
May 24, 2026, 10 a.m., Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart - arr. J. Carter

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

***Call to Worship (Psalm 104)**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, you are very great.

All: You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

One: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame, your ministers.

All: When you send forth your Spirit, all is created and you renew the face of the ground.

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live!

All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being!

***Opening Hymn #241 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”**

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, together in one place, we pray your life-giving power blow fresh in this time and space. Turn us upside down, overturn our sense of self, and tear down the towers we build, so that we might listen for your voice, experience your deeds of great power, and flow into your vision of what we might become. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Pentecost, sometimes your Spirit is just too much. Rather than leaning into your mystery, we sneer. Rather than trusting your transformation, we cling to the past. Rather than being amazed and perplexed at what you are doing among us, we take shelter in fear. Forgive us, Lord of new life. Open our hearts to see you alive in this world and free us to join in the redeeming dance of your Spirit...

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: Genesis 11:1-11
Acts 2:1-13

Frank Hadsell
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

Sermon: “The Divine Conspiracy”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

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:** #687 “In Christ There is No East or West”

***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 looking at excerpts from Matthew's chapters 19-25. 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 24, 2026

Genesis 11:1-11

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east,^[a] they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”