

The Falls Village Congregational Church
May 31, 2026, 10 a.m., Trinity Sunday
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude – *Holy, Holy, Holy* - arr. J. Carter

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

***Call to Worship (Psalm 8)**

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: *You have set your glory above the heavens.*

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: *What are human beings that you are mindful of them?*

One: Yet, you have made them a little lower than God, crowned them with glory and honor.

All: *O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

***Opening Hymn #4 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty”**

Opening Prayer

Chuck Lewis

O Holy One, in the gift of this day never given before, may our eyes be open to new ways of seeing: the image you created in one another, your mysterious grace drawing us closer, your veiled presence teaching us to be your messengers of life, hope, and love. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, you call us up to be sent out. Yet, we are hesitant. We hear to your commission, but your promises seem risky and unsure. Forgive us when we question your authority. Match the goodness of your promises with the daring of our faith. Walk with us to trust beyond seeing, to risk beyond return, to love beyond understanding. Free us to bear witness to your love in every time and place...

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 1:26-28

Linda Ryan

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

Sermon: “Naming the Elephant in the Room”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *Holy, Holy, Holy* - arr. J. Carter

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:** #459 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

***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.

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

Scripture Lessons for May 31, 2026

Genesis 1:1-2, 26-28

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters...

...²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."