

The Falls Village Congregational Church
June 14, 2026, 10 a.m., 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Cantate Domino!* W. A. Mozart, arr. P. Liebergen

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

*Call to Worship (Psalm 90) Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

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

All: Before the mountains were brought forth, from everlasting to everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

All: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Let your work be manifest to your servants,

All: and prosper for us the work of our hands.

*Opening Hymn: #718 “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Opening Prayer

God of the field, the harvest, the garden, and the heart, we come with gratitude for the one from whom all blessings flow. As we gather, turn our gratitude into hope and our hope into courage so that we, freed by the assurance of your Kingdom, might take the risks that come with loving. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have claimed us and made us children of light, yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the illusion of security when we bury our gifts in doubt and preserve them in fear. In Christ, you call us to live as people of the light. You trust us to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Embolden us to steward well what you have entrusted, so that we might fully enter your joy...

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Rowena Fenstermacher
Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: “Talented”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine* - arr. J. Helgen
soloist: Linden Godshall

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: #606** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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.

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING: There will be a Special Church Meeting on June 21, 2026 after worship in Minor Hall to act on the new Proposal received for the purchase of the Parsonage.

Scripture Lessons for June 14, 2026

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him,

'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'