

The Falls Village Congregational Church
June 21, 2026, 10 a.m., 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* - arr. M. Hayes

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

*Call to Worship (Psalm 145)

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

One: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

All: *The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.*

One: Lord, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

All: *You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.*

One: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord!

All: *All flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever!*

*Opening Hymn: #56 “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”

Opening Prayer

Frank Hadsell

Lord, you give us worlds of beauty and abundance. So, we pray that in this hour, you might open our eyes to the wonder of your creative grace, open our ears to hear the assurance of your care, open our hearts to return to you with lives of praise and thanksgiving, and give us peace with whom we might become in your loving presence. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we so often fail to trust in your faithful provision. Instead of resting in your care, we worry endlessly about our lives and how we will secure our futures. Forgive us for trying to serve two masters, and for allowing our anxiety to distract us from your kingdom of boundless grace.

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: Isaiah 49:8-16a

Matthew 6:24-34

Maria Bulson

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

Sermon: “Thanks be to God”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *Bless His Holy Name* - M. Shepperd

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:** # 80 *“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”*

***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.

FLOWERS: Flowers are donated today in memory of our dear friend, Sandra Schafer, who passed on June 24, 2024.

Scripture Lessons for June 21, 2026

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I have answered you; on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways; on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down for he who has pity on them will lead them and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Look, some shall come from far away, some from the north and from the west, and some from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these might forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." ²⁵"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more

value than they? ²⁷And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God[□] and his[□] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.