

The Falls Village Congregational Church
June 28, 2026, 10 a.m., 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude – *Air and Three Variations* - G. F. Handel

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

*Call to Worship (Psalm 145) Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: *The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all creation.*

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

All: *Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.*

*Opening Hymn: #16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Opening Prayer

Fount of every blessing, you continue to pour out grace upon grace, and we remain recipients of gifts that we could never earn and hardly deserve. So, we gather in gratitude for the blessings that surround us, fill us, and set us free. Guide us deeper into your generous ministry of radical hospitality, unconditional love, and amazing grace. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have given us all that you have promised and more. Yet, we have been ungrateful. We often feel that we deserve more, even though you have fulfilled your every promise and supplied our every need. Forgive us for overlooking the gifts in our lives when we compare ourselves to others. Strengthen us by your Spirit to cherish the life you have provided in the vineyard of your 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: Exodus 16:2-8, 11-15 Sara Wardell
Matthew 20:1-16 Rev. Dr. Kirkland Hal

Sermon: “Economic of Grace”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *Above All Else* - J. Raney

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: #546** “Amazing Grace”

***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 June 28, 2026

Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was

a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So, they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So, the last will be first, and the first will be last."