

The Falls Village Congregational Church

June 7, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. D Elizabeth Mauro, Worship Leader

Greeting and Welcome

Ringling of the Church Bell

Prelude – *Be Thou My Vision* - arr. M. Larkin

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, we come today knowing that as we worship,
we do so in your sight.

Together: When we speak, help us to speak your word.

Leader: When we hear, open our ears to your teaching

Together: When we sing, accept it as our praise.

Leader: When we give, receive it as your very own.

**Together: For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory. We are here to worship you. We lift our praises to
your holy name.**

Prayer for God's Presence:

Leader: Good Shepherd, we meet in your name, confident that
we are known and loved by you.

**Together: Here we draw close to one another as well as to
you, expecting to be strengthened with fresh insights which
help us to live as your people.**

Leader: We want to care for one another in life-giving ways.

We want to reach out to those who have yet to know you.

**Together: Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring
and self-sacrifice.**

Leader: We embrace the wholeness you offer and accept the call
to be agents of your healing in our world.

**Together: Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #15 *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Together: Merciful God, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands are unclean and our hearts are unprepared.**

We are not fit to come to your table.

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation
and you share your bread with sinners.**

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord, and feed us,
that Christ may live in us and we in him. Amen**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 34:23-24

Barry Fenstermacher

Sermon Lesson: John 10:11-18

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Congregational Song of Prayer: #576 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

Sermon: "Deep Listening"

The Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

The Offertory – *The Lamb* - E. Hagenberg

soloists: Rowena Fenstermacher and Linden Godshall

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Hymn of Preparation: #321 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your heads

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right, and a good and joyful thing

(The minister continues the prayer)

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please partake of the bread individually, when it is received, as a sign of our individual relationship to God, but hold the cup so we may drink together, as a sign of our unity before God)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

O Lord, by the abundance of your grace, found in this bread and cup, we have been renewed. In the remembering, we have been encouraged. In the sharing together of this meal, we have been blessed. For this extravagant gift, we give you thanks and pray that as we go from this place, the hospitality we have received here might be our gift to all whom we meet. Amen

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* #595

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

You are invited to place your offerings as you leave in the plate at either entrance to the church.

Scripture Lessons for June 7, 2026

Ezekiel 34:23-24

²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

John 10:11-18

¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father.”