

The Falls Village Congregational Church
July 5, 2026, 10 a.m., 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* - arr. M. Hayes

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

***Call to Worship (Psalm 116)**

One: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and supplications.

All: *He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

One: For God has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

All: *I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

All: *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

***Hymn #215** “Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain”

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come together in the freedom you provide. Embolden us to follow the path you have laid before us. Cleanse us through the waters that once held us captive. Nourish us by your covenant that binds us together. Lead us into your world as your disciples, liberated by faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, You created us for freedom, but we are captive to sin. We are bound by pride, trapped by fears, and enslaved to selfish desires. We often hold others captive to our judgment and withhold grace that was never ours to keep. Forgive us, Lord. Break the chains that imprison our hearts. Release us from guilt, deliver us from despair, and set us free to love both you and our neighbors...

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 share Christ's peace with your neighbor.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Exodus 14:10-13

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Exodus 14:19-31

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Sermon: “Defining Moments”

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THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

Offertory – *O Taste and See* - arr. D. Wagner

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Servers: Mary Atwood and Ruth Hadsell

*When you receive the bread and wine, the appropriate response is
"Thanks be to God" or "Amen."*

Bread of Life, in gratitude for the food that endures for eternal life, we praise you for the covenant that binds us to freedom, and draws us in as it sends us out. Nourished by your grace, may we have the strength to be broken, the fullness to be poured out, and the love to feed a world starving for mercy, compassion, and hope. Amen.

***Hymn #622** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

***Postlude:** *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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

Scripture Lessons for July 5, 2026

Exodus 14:10-13

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² *The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.* ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He

clogged^[a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ *But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.*

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.