

The Falls Village Congregational Church

August 23, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. D Elizabeth Mauro, Worship Leader

Greeting and Welcome

Ring of the Church Bell

Prelude – *Moderato* - F. Mendelssohn

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: We bring ourselves to you, O God, as we prepare to worship.

Together: We desire to begin and end this time of worship
focused on your inspiring and graceful presence.

Leader: We desire to hear your voice within us.

Together: We desire to grow in gratitude and devotion to you.

Leader: Hear us as we lift our praise and thanks before you.

Together: We open our hearts to the presence of God in this time
and place.

Prayer for God's Presence: (in Unison)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden, in this time of worship,
strengthen our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
we may more dearly love you and more worthily magnify your
holy name through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen

Hymn: #586 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we confess to you that we are not the persons we would
like others to think we are. We are not even the persons we would
hope ourselves to be. Only in the security of your love are we able
to admit our secret fears and desires. Hear them now, O God, and
forgive us our shortcomings, that the image of Christ within us
might come forth to help us be the people you desire us to be. This
we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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 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: Daniel 9:3-10

Ward Belcher

Sermon Lesson: Daniel 9:11-19

Rev. D. Elizabeth Mauro

Congregational Song of Prayer: #572 *Take Time To Be Holy*

Sermon: "Redemption by Proxy"

The Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

The Offertory – *I Will Exalt You, O My Lord* - A. D. Miller

Prayers of the People/ 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: #611 *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

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.

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.

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

Scripture Lessons for August 16, 2026

Daniel 9:3-10

³ Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and terrible God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from thy commandments and ordinances; ⁶ we have not listened to thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ To thee, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us confusion of face, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those that are near and those that are far away, in all the lands to which thou hast driven them, because of the treachery which they have committed against thee. ⁸ To us, O Lord, belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness; because we have rebelled against him, ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Daniel 9:11-19

¹¹ All Israel has transgressed thy law and turned aside, refusing to obey thy voice. And the curse and oath which

are written in the law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. ¹² He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done the like of what has been done against Jerusalem. ¹³ As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us, yet we have not entreated the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and giving heed to thy truth. ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. ¹⁵ And now, O Lord our God, who didst bring thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast made thee a name, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. ¹⁶ O Lord, according to all thy righteous acts, let thy anger and thy wrath turn away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy hill; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people have become a byword among all who are round about us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, hearken to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplications, and for thy own sake, O Lord,^[a] cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ O my God, incline thy ear and hear; open thy eyes and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name; for we do not present our supplications before thee on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of thy great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, give heed and act; delay not, for thy own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name.”