

The Falls Village Congregational Church

August 9, 2026 10:00 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Henry Frueh, Worship Leader

Greeting and Welcome

Ring of the Church Bell

Prelude – *Morning Prayer* - N. Palmer

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (Psalm 107)

Rev. Henry Frueh

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

One: When we were hungry and thirsty and discouraged

All: The Lord satisfied our thirst, fed our hunger, and lifted our spirits.

One: Lord, may your steadfast love fall upon this congregation,

All: And your compassion fill all the earth!

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

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come into your presence not because we have everything together, but because we need you. In the quietness of this morning, help us settle the noise within. Still our minds, calm our hearts, and ready us to listen to your still small voice. Receive our praise, renew our spirits, and remind us again that we belong to you.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, when we have wandered, and when we are lost, we pray that you would find us and help us find our way home. When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want that which is harmful to ourselves or others, satisfy us with your love and grace. When we need forgiveness, shower us with your unending mercy. Receive this

prayer, and the silent prayers of our hearts.

Silent Confession

One: ...Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading Psalm 8, p. 728

*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: 1 Kings 19:9-13

John 10:1-10

Margo Lewis

Rev. Henry Frueh

Sermon: “The Sheep Know His Voice”

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THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

The Offertory – *Day by Day* - M. How

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: #558** *“Jesus, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

***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.*

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

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 August 9, 2026

1 Kings 19:9-13

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

⁹ And there he came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Eli’jah?” ¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ And he said, “Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. ¹³ And when Eli’jah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Eli’jah?”

John 10:1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; ² but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. ⁹ I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.