

May 31, 2020 Pentecost 8:30 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough, so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.

- Catherine of Siena

Prelude Welcome



* Please stand in body or spirit



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Opening Prayer

Scripture

Paul's first letter to the congregation he founded in Corinth is prompted by reports of divisions within the church there. Divisions based on income and on maturity of faith are present, but in this section Paul is addressing the mistaken notion that some spiritual gifts are better than others and those with the better gifts are more impressive Christians with more impressive faith. Our reading this morning is a portion of Paul's attempt to correct the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reflection

James Sledge



Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

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Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Today the Session ordains and installs Susan Beeman to ministry as a deacon, and ordains and installs Tom-Erik Bowen, Marnie Sarver, and Tim Stufft to ministry as ruling elders. The Session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: deacons Narra Geisinger, Jenny Growney, and Gordon Storr, along with ruling elders Jay Campbell and Carol Ann Siciliano.

Profession of Faith

ONE: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the way of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

ALL: I do.

ONE: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

ALL: I do.

ONE: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? ALL: I will, with God's help.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions to Ruling Elders and Deacons Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination

Prayers of the People

from Sue Armstrong

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council). Following each petition we will sing:



Please keep in your prayers...

Mike Gehron and family on the death of Mike's father, William J. Gehron, on May 24 Charles Wirth, father of Nancy Gehron, as he transitions to memory care Hayden Beatty, father of Sam Beatty, at home recovering from an infection Paige Bach, recovering from ear surgery

Bob Huley and family on the death of Merry Huley on May 13

Comfort for Bob Moore, diagnosed with Covid-19, and strength for Carol Bentley Those who have lost jobs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic

Staff and residents of elder care facilities everywhere

First responders, health care providers, caregivers, essential employees, and all who are putting their lives at risk during the coronavirus pandemic

Continued prayers for...

Doug Ammons, Kris Barth, Brenda Buchly, Chuck and Marty Campbell, Judy Cornier, Soledad Cuzzi, Sgt. John R. Goldsmith, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Linda Issaacson, Doug Jonas, Nora Long, Nancy Lundien, Ruth Mileham, Cheryl Naderman, Ruth Nowjack-Raymer, Barbara Peret, Cort Peret, Stanley Rusher, James Steele, Cathy Stewart, Lawson Swift, Doris Webb, Doris Williams, Christa Young

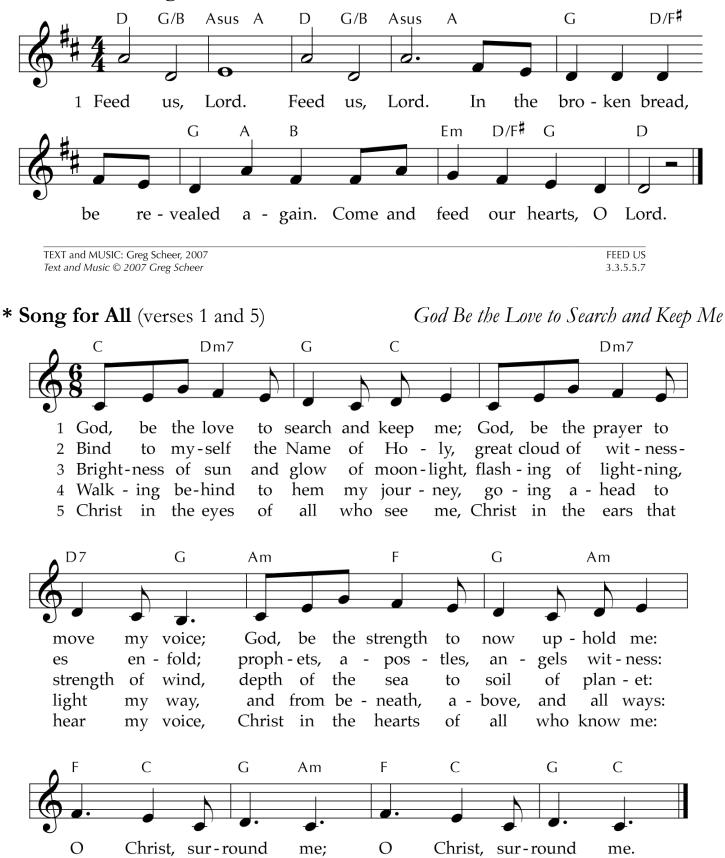
Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors James and Diane at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org

Communion of the People

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song



This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

* Our Life Together as the Body of Christ

* The Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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Supporting us in Worship

Audio/VideoDiane MaloneyMusicAndrew Jonas, piano; David Schoonover, baritone

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We welcome all to our live-stream community, and hope that you will join us in song and prayer from the safety of your own homes. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please <u>visit the church website</u>.

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, "working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church."

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