



September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after 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 with Song

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather



1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.

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MUSIC: Japanese gagaku mode, Isao Koizumi, 1958
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TOKYO
7.5.7.5.D

Welcome

Diane Maloney

* Opening Song #596

You Are Holy

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 2/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho - san - na in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!"

TEXT: Per Harling, 1990; Spanish trans. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1991, alt.
MUSIC: Per Harling, 1990
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DU ÄR HELIG
Irregular

Opening Prayer

Diane Maloney

Silence

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Four Hundred and Ninety Times?

Yena Hwang

Response Song #694 and Offering

Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

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Our Life Together as the Body of Christ

Diane Maloney

Prayers of the People

Chuck Hobbie

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving or has previously served on Session. At the end of each petition, we will sing:



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

The full prayer list can be viewed by scanning the QR code.



Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchurchpresby.org.

Communion of the People

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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.

Distribution of the Elements

Bread is gluten-free and cup is non-alcoholic. Communion is by intinction.

Receive bread into your open hand and dip it in the cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

Yena Hwang

* Sending Song #539

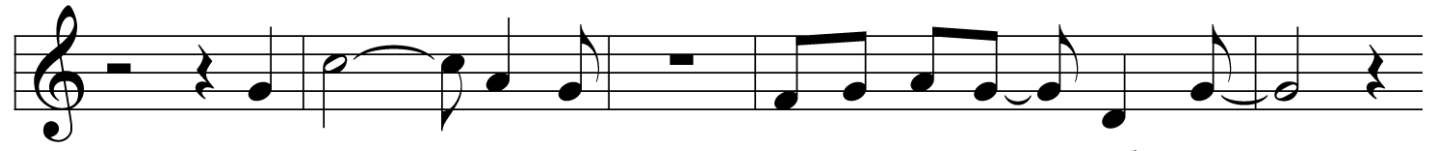
We Will Go Out in Joy



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY
10.6.10.6 with refrain

The Peace

Yena Hwang

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Go into the world knowing that the grace, love, and protection of the Holy One goes with you.

ALL: Amen.

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leaders
Music
Audio/Video

Chuck Hobbie, Diane Maloney
Lonnie Bickel
Alex Hess

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Coloring sheets and crayons are available on the side table for our youngest disciples.

Congregational Meeting today

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sept. 17, 2023, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC). The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628706440>
CNC candidates are Susan Beeman, Myra Bridgforth, Molly Good, Dawn Lenert, and Clay Warner.

Pastor Transition Notes

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) reports that the FCPC Ministry Discernment Profile—the document that describes FCPC to prospective pastor candidates—has been posted on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) site of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The CLC is the denomination's internet-based matching and referral system by which all parties must register their interest in FCPC's call process. Our posting is now official, and expressions of interest can and are being received. The PNC's work now enters a phase of complete confidentiality.

Members of the PNC are Scott Armstrong and Anne Kusterbeck (co-chairs), Darryle Brown, Theresa Brown, Tom Bruce, Molly Good, and Victoria Lippincott. Please pray God's blessing and grace on these sisters and brothers in Christ as they work to identify a nominee to serve as FCPC's next senior pastor and please refrain from questioning them regarding this important work. These *Notes* will likely not publish again until the PNC has identified a candidate.

Sunday Spiritual Growth Opportunities

September 17

- **Waffle Church**, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor. Join us as we pray, play, and eat waffles together! This week's theme (Genesis 1): "God's Love Creates." For all ages and abilities.
- **Youth Group Kickoff and Parent Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. We'll kick off the program year with a taco bar dinner, some youth vs. parent games, and a parent meeting. For grades 6-12.

September 24

- **Matthew 25 Group**, 9:30 a.m., Library. Join as your schedule allows as we discuss *Notes of a Native Son*, by James Baldwin. Begins Sept. 24, meets weekly until Advent.
- **Youth Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor. Using videos from the Bible Project, we'll discuss particular Bible stories and what they mean to us and our lives. Breakfast snacks included. For grades 6-12.

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.”

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor

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