



July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

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

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 89*

Megan Klose

ONE: I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

ALL: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

ONE: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

ALL: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

ONE: If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances, then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges,

ALL: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness. I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

*** GATHERING HYMN 393**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

** Please stand in body or spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynn Wagner

ONE: Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. (*Hebrews 10:22*) Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

ALL: Everlasting God, forgive us today for our hardened hearts. Forgive us for the ways we do not surrender and come before you. We confess we have not loved you or our neighbor purely. We confess we do not treat our enemies with love. Forgive us for not heeding your call to come and follow you at every point of our day. Forgive us our sin as we forgive the sins of others, and hear now our private confession...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each staff, indicating repeat signs.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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GLORIA (Taizé)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 452 (sung twice)

Open the Eyes of My Heart



O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;



I want to see you; I want to see you;

TEXT and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, 1997
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OPEN THE EYES
Irregular

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:13-18

Lynn Wagner

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:30-34, John 6:35-38

Megan Klose

SERMON

You Are Invited

Rev. Dr. Allison Jones Lundeen

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 720**

Jesus Calls Us

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Megan Klose

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

SERVING, GIVING, GROWING STORY

Marnie Sarver

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn Wagner

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers ...

Mary Soule, on the death of her mother, Grace Soule, on July 11

Allan Capon, Robbie Harris, Young Hobbie, Ruth Mileham, Sally Storr,

Ken Waugh, with continuing health concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Lynn Wagner

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Megan Klose

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OFFERTORY

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

*** DOXOLOGY 605**

Praise to God the Father

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
 praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
 Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
 Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.
 MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
 Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE
 Irregular

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Megan Klose

*** HYMN 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Dr. Allison Jones Lundeen

POSTLUDE

Postlude in A Minor

Michael Canales (b. 1961)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Lynn Wagner

Ushers

Clay Warner, Gail Warner

Audio/Video

Alex Hess

Closing Sexton

Lynn Wagner

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Stacey Cruse in honor of her grandparents, Thomas and Donna Skinner.

Today's Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Allison Jones Lundeen was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in the area. She was ordained in our presbytery in 1996. She and her spouse recently moved back to the area after 27 years in Illinois, having served her most recent church in Chicagoland for 21 years. They have three grown daughters. Allison loves to worship God, read, kayak, watch college basketball, and hold babies.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to the pastor as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

The Kids' Corner in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship.

Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this service. Godly Play, for children ages 4 and up, is on summer break and will resume Sept. 8.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Did You Know?

A Purposeful Day is a community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that has been meeting during the week at FCPC since 2022. When the high school years end, many adults with disabilities have limited opportunities to find purpose and meaningful social interactions. A Purposeful Day (APD) aims to fill that void and give opportunities for ongoing friendship, learning, and community involvement. They are holding their first summer camp at FCPC this week to provide opportunities for fun, team building, and Olympics-themed activities.

From APD's website: *At A Purposeful Day, our mission is to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing them with a sense of daily purpose. We achieve this by offering opportunities for physical, social, emotional, and educational enrichment, emphasizing meaningful contributions to the community through volunteering.*

If you were in worship on June 9, you would have heard APD founder Kate Ashbrook share her story of APD and how the program began. You can watch her video at the link in the Friday egram. Visit apurposefulday.org to learn more.

Announcements

Drop & Dash, July 28. Our neighbors are still in need during the summertime. Please drop off donations for Knox Food Pantry and full-size toiletry items for Welcome Table next Sunday, July 28, at the white food pantry near the Activities Center. A list of most-needed items at Knox can be found using the link in the egram. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Escape Weekend, Nov. 1-3. Register now to reserve your spot at Escape Weekend 2024! Sign up through the link in the Friday egram or contact Marnie Sarver (marnie.sarver@gmail.com).

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 21

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Monday, July 22 - *No scheduled events*

Tuesday, July 23

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Ives House Task Force, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Wednesday, July 24

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library and Zoom

Thursday, July 25 - *No scheduled events*

Friday, July 26 - *No scheduled events*

Saturday, July 20

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, July 21

Drop & Dash Sunday

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

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.”

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor
Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement
Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music
Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip- ture hear,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

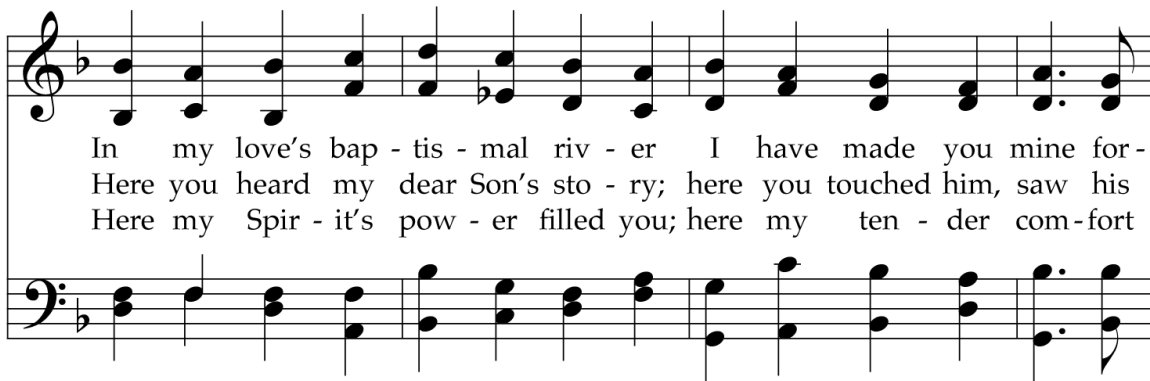
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.