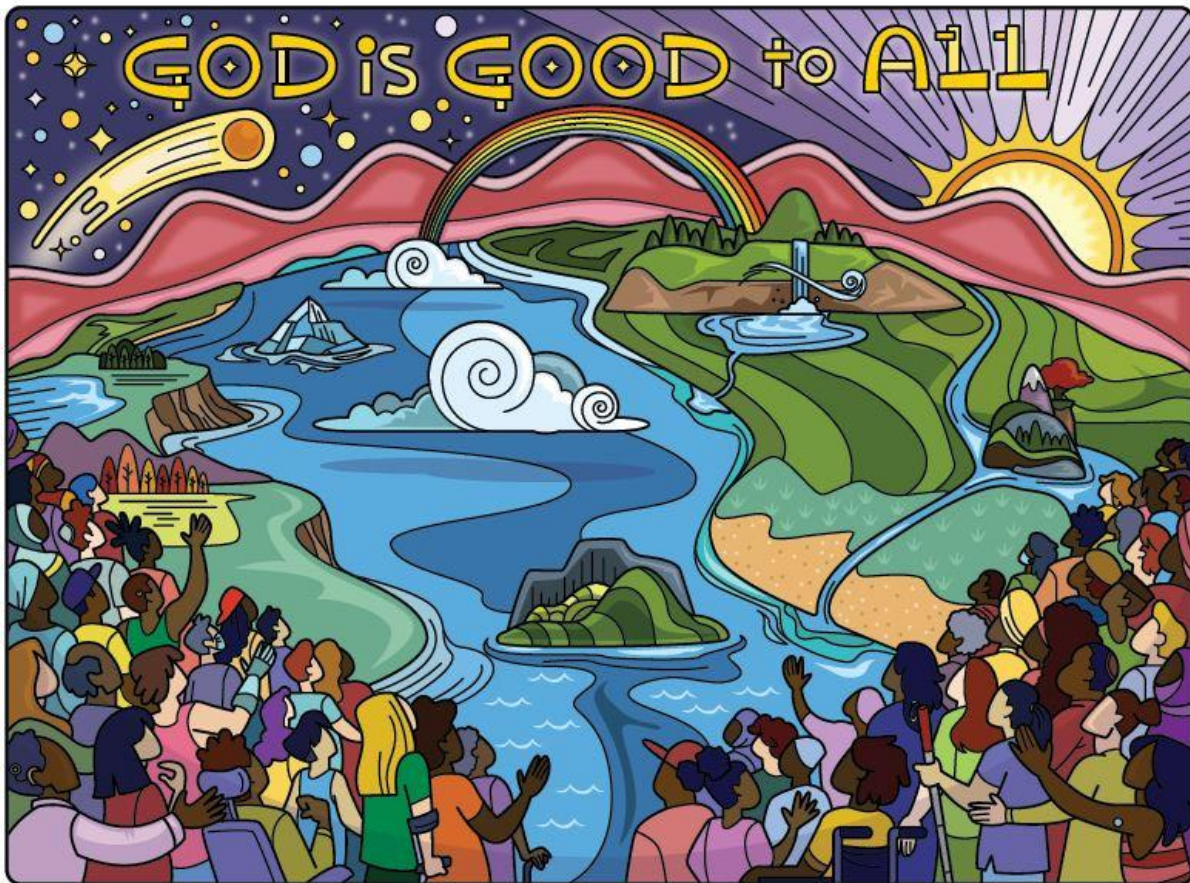


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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*O Perfect Love*

arr. Benjamin Culli (b. 1975)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME**

Cali Bronkema

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,

**ALL: God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.**

ONE: Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

**ALL: God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.**

ONE: Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace,

**ALL: God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.**

ONE: Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

**ALL: Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.**

## \* GATHERING HYMN 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carly Kelly

ONE: Gracious One, where do we begin? You call us to do justice,

**ALL: and we explain that justice is complicated.**

ONE: You ask us to love mercy,

**ALL: and we counter that a show of strength is necessary.**

ONE: You invite us to walk humbly with you,

**ALL: and we struggle to recognize you in our neighbors, in the dispossessed, in the poor and hungry places of our own hearts.**

ONE: We confess we have failed to summon the courage and compassion required by your call.

**ALL: We have treated hospitality as an option, kinship as a choice, instead of as the center of our life together.**

ONE: We have claimed your name, yet rejected your way.

**ALL: Forgive us, we pray. Amen.**

*Personal Prayer in Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Friends, hear this good news:

God's gift is love that liberates, hope that inspires, grace that transforms.

Each of us alone and all of us together are forgiven and set free.

**ALL: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* SING GLORY TO GOD 583**

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

Yena Hwang

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 456**

*Listen, God is Calling*

Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

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 Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU  
 6.4.6.4 with refrain

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Carly Kelly

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**SENSES OF SCRIPTURE**

Cali Bronkema

*Children are invited to continue their worship at Sunday Storytime in the library.*

**SERMON**

*Rest for the Weary*

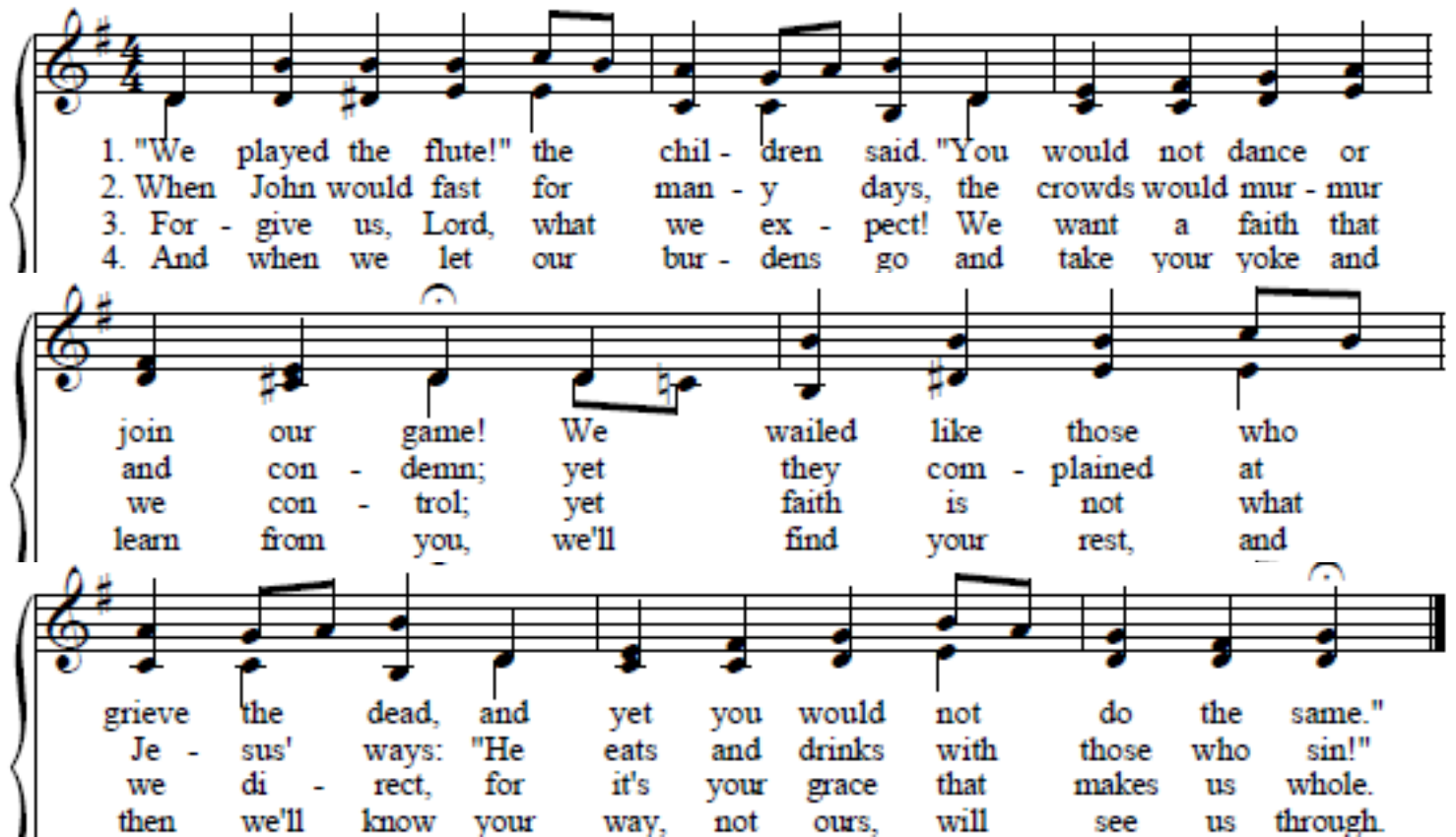
Yena Hwang

## *We Respond to God's Word*

\* **SERMON HYMN** (vv. 3 and 4)

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*We Played the Flute*



1. "We played the flute!" the children said. "You would not dance or  
2. When John would fast for man - y days, the crowds would mur - mur  
3. For - give us, Lord, what we ex - pect! We want a faith that  
4. And when we let our bur - dens go and take your yoke and  
join our game! We wailed like those who  
and con - demn; yet they com - plained at  
we con - trol; yet faith is not what  
learn from you, we'll find your rest, and  
grieve the dead, and yet you would not do the same."  
Je - sus' ways: "He eats and drinks with those who sin!"  
we di - rect, for it's your grace that makes us whole.  
then we'll know your way, not ours, will see us through.

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from Belhar Confession)

Cali Bronkema

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called 'blessed' because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness, both by word and by deed, to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God—in a world full of injustice and enmity—is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. Therefore, we believe the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, and must witness and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carly Kelly

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 Pastors Yena and Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Ongoing prayer concerns*

*FCPC members: Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh. Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister; Bill Bickel, Janet Bickel's husband*

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Cali Bronkema

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.*

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online at [fcpc.breezechms.com/give/](http://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/) online or by using the QR code, or texted to give at 7037751355.*



## OFFERTORY

*Sometimes a Prayer Will Do*

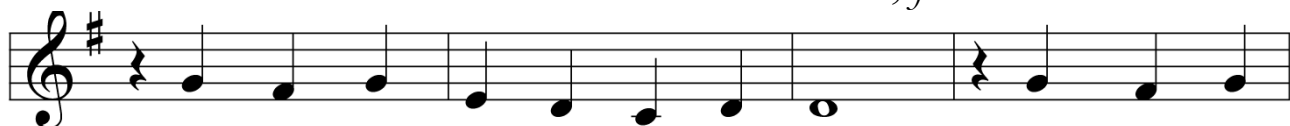
Tracey Campbell (contemporary)

Christine Connor, soprano

*Sometimes we stumble, sometimes we even fall, And we can't find a friend, can't comprehend it all  
And we are lost, with nothing to hold on to, When we can't find the answer, sometimes a prayer will do.  
And though we wonder, uncertain if we will get through, To face the future, sometimes a prayer will do.  
Sometimes we reach for what's not really there, sometimes we lose our grip, Come tumbling through midair,  
And we are searching for something to hold on to, When we can't find the answer, sometimes a prayer will do  
And though we wonder, uncertain if we will get through, To face the future, sometimes a prayer will do.  
Yeah, we are stronger somehow we know we will get through, To face the future, sometimes a prayer will do  
Yes, we are stronger, somehow we know we will get through, To face the future, sometimes a prayer will do.*

## \* DOXOLOGY 608

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all



peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -



more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Yena Hwang

### Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Thanksgiving

#### 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 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.

#### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pew by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available. A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.*

#### Prayer after Communion

Yena Hwang

### ***We Are Sent into the World***

#### \* SENDING HYMN 852

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

#### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

#### POSTLUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Don Wyrzten (b. 1942)

*Today's worship liturgy was written by Rev. Erika Marksbury, Pastor, First Baptist Church of McMinnville, Oregon, and Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer, Pastor, Church on the Hill in Flushing, New York. The hymn, "We Played the Flute," was used with permission of the composer. Songs reprinted with permission under One License #A-721003. All rights reserved.*

### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leader

Carly Kelly

Ushers

Jay Campbell, Shelly Skomra

Audio/Video

Mark Armstrong

Communion

Jenneke Fijn van Draat, Gail Warner

Sexton

Carly Kelly

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Carly Kelly and Christian Beckner's 19th wedding anniversary.

## ***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. There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

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

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon). If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, talk to one of the pastors or email Pastor Yena ([yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org)) or Pastor Megan ([mklose@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:mklose@fallschurchpresby.org)). Please visit our website for more information.

## ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. The Kids' Corner at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color quietly while in worship. The Cozy Corner along the right wall of the sanctuary has sensory toys and headphones. Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. Children of all ages: Sunday Storytime is offered in the library following Senses of Scripture.

## ***Fellowship Hour***

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

## ***Announcements***

**Hunger Offering Received Today.** The hunger offering on the first Sunday of each month is used for our hunger ministries, including grocery gift cards for our guests at Welcome Table. Thank you for your support and care for our neighbors.

**Concert in the Park, July 9.** Join deacon Eric Rasmussen and others from FCPC at Cherry Hill Park for free live music from Falls Church's own Andrew Acosta Band. Eric will be there to greet you at 6:30 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m.

**Summer Pickup Choir.** While the Chancel Choir takes the summer off, we invite you to participate in our informal Summer Pickup Choir on the second Sunday of the month. Plan now to come at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, July 12, for rehearsal!

**In the Beginning, meets July 12 & 19.** Join Pastor Megan at 9 a.m. in the library for *In the Beginning*, a class that considers Genesis from the viewpoints of four women. On July 12, we will read Genesis 19:1-29 from the perspective of Lot's unnamed wife.

**Protein Challenge for Knox Food Pantry.** As a church family, we have an opportunity to help ensure that children, seniors, and families in our community have access to nutritious food throughout the summer. We invite you to drop off protein-rich foods at the white cabinet in the main hallway over the coming weeks.

Week of	Requested items	Week of	Requested items
July 5 & 12	Peanut Butter	August 2 & 9	Canned beans
July 19 & 26	Canned Chicken/Tuna	August 16 & 23	Shelf-Stable Milk
		August 30	Peanut Butter

## ***Calendar***

### **Sunday, July 5 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Hunger Offering Received

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Children’s Playdate, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

### **Monday, July 6 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, *canceled this week***

Finance Team, 6:15 p.m., Conference Room

### **Tuesday, July 7 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom**

Building & Grounds Team, 7 p.m., Library

### **Wednesday, July 8 – *No scheduled events***

### **Thursday, July 9 – Concert in the Park, 7 p.m., Cherry Hill Park**

### **Friday, July 10 – *No scheduled events***

### **Saturday, July 11 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8 a.m., Parlor**

### **Sunday, July 12 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

In the Beginning, 9 a.m., Library

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

VOICE + Justice Ministry Team, 9 a.m., Third Floor

Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and online

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

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