Order of Worship for July 19, 2020

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Prelude: God Will Take Care of You - Terry Osman

Announcements- A Celebration of Life for Betty Lemp will be held at 1st Presbyterian Church on July 25 at 2:00 p.m. Masks will be worn and social distancing observed. Memorials are suggested to Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund or the American Heart Association.

Meditation: Meditation in a minor - John Turner

Introit (28 GTG) You Are Before Me, Lord, vs. 1

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

**See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, we know that you are always with us, that you accompany us through the good days and the bad. And yet sometimes you seem far away. We wonder where you are, and pretend that we alone are in control. Reveal yourself to us, O Lord. Open our eyes to your persistent work in the world reconciling all Creation to you. Guide us on paths that will lead us closer to you and to your beloved children. Amen.**

Hymn: 317 (GTG) In Christ There Is No East or West, vs. 1&4

Call to Confession

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ lived for us and died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with conﬁdence. In faith and penitence,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selﬁshness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.** (Pause for a time of silent confession). Let all God’s children say, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Sharing Christ’s Peace

Special Music: (401 GTG) Here In This Place, vs. 1, 2, 4

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: Weeding God’s Garden

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: 772 (GTG) Live Into Hope, vs. 1&3

Benediction

Postlude: With Shouts of Praise - Jason W. Krug

**Prayer Request**

***Kelly Dean*** (chronic lung disease), Barb Ford and Kelly's brother ***Tom Eychamer*** (who stays with Barb and has advanced Parkinson disease), ***Sue Reno***, ***Deanne Jackson*** (cancer treatments), ***Judy Fox*** (recovering from shoulder surgery) ***Betty Pietsch*** (recovering from broken shoulder) ***Pam Cottingham*** (recovering from broken pelvis)and ***Carlene May*** (cancer treatments)

***Isabella Melcher*** *(Cheryl and Lenn* Koederitz granddaughter positive COVID19) ***Marian Pruitt*** (new diagnosis of diabetes and testing results)

***Bob May*** (diagnoses of melanoma just below the ear on his right jaw)

*The prayer request list will start over about every two months. If you have someone who needs put on or taken off the list, please contact Katie in the office*