

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service on the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*May 9, 2021*

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**

<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**<sup>5</sup>Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**<sup>8</sup>O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup>Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #396: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we can not change; open us to a**

**future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;** (pause for a time of silent personal confession...) Let all God's children say, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing the Peace

Gloria #582: *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Prayers of the People and 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**

Hymn #475: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17

Sermon: Love One Another

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God's grace.**

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings

Closing Hymn #313: *Lord Make Us More Holy*

Benediction

Postlude

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