

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service on Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

Welcome

Prelude: *He Is Lord* – Janet Vogt

Call to Worship (from Job 38, Psalm 107)

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.
**The morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.**
From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.
**We have seen the deeds of the Lord,
who commands and raises the stormy wind
and also makes the storm be still.**
We ourselves have seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day (from Psalm 107)

O Lord our God,
when we cry out to you in distress,
you bring us through desperate circumstances.
You can quiet the storm to a whisper
and hush the sea's waves,
so great is your power.
Help us to trust you, then,
whatever we may face,
knowing that you will lead us
to the harbor we have been hoping for.
We offer you our thanks and praise. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn #612: *We Praise You O God*

Call to Confession

Do not accept the grace of God in vain,
for God has said:
At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.
Let us confess our sins before God,
who will listen and help us in our weakness.

Prayer of Confession

**Saving God,
we confess that our faith is too small,**

**our fear is too great.
When we are overwhelmed,
we think you do not care enough for us.
When life is uncertain and risky,
we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.
Even when you move among us in powerful ways,
we question who you are.
Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.
Teach us to trust in your power to save
and guide us in every circumstance.
Grant us your peace,
which is clearly beyond our understanding.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls.
Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Sharing Christ's Peace

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

Prayers of Intercession 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**

Special Music: *On Eagles' Wings*

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-42

Sermon: The Airing of the Blessings

Affirmation of Faith (from Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the
pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of
human well-being.
**His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so
that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every
kind of need.**

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Closing Hymn #542: God Be With You Til We Meet Again

Benediction

Postlude: The Glorious Song – Lani Smith

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music performed by Lorie Francis, Mary Kwantes, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley.

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