

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

August 1, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

When the people of God were hungry,

**God rained manna upon them,
and they ate until they were full.**

When the people of God are hungry,

**God calls us to taste the goodness of God's gifts,
and to share our bread with one another.
Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life,
and watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.**

Prayer of the Day

**O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us;
we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life
that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn #526: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ vs. 1,2,3*

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us
and is calling us to return to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

**You are the Bread of Life, O God,
and you promise that we will never hunger again,
but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things.
You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements.
You offer us peace, but we hunger for control.
You bless us with plenty to share,
but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.
Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness**

**teach us to hunger for things that you do:
to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good
until none of your children have to hunger for bread.**

(pause for silent reflection and confession)

And the people say: **Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart.

**When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us.
We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

The peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Time for sharing of concerns and prayer list

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (pause)

We pray for the church. Raise up prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, musicians, and others. Equip them for the work of ministry and build up the body of Christ.

WL: Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for leaders around the world. Call them to lead with patience, humility, and gentleness, bearing with one another in love.

WL: Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for refugees of war and oppression, and all families, who are separated by distance or conflict, choice or circumstance. Let them find unity and solace in your everlasting love.

WL: Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are dying, hospitalized, or ill this day. Especially (insert requests here)....and all those we name in our hearts before you this day.

WL: Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for this church, that it be ready to welcome those you send to us. We pray for all visitors, those who long for a connection with a community, and those searching for meaning in their lives.

WL: Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all throughout the ages who are united in baptism. Sustain us in our lives of faith as we gather together today to celebrate communion, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come.

WL: Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray:

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: #470 *There is a Longing in Our Hearts vs. 1, 2* (please remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

O Holy Spirit, creative power of God, strengthen us to the depths of our humanity. Feed us the bread of heaven so that we will share your love with the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:1 - 16

Gospel Reading: (sermon text) John 6:24 – 35

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Rev. Cinthia Saul

Communion Hymn #527: *Eat This Bread* Option B

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God...

...sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of power and might, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name....

...we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Closing Hymn #543: *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* vs. 1,2,4,5

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by William Owen and Mary Kwantes. Worship leader: Jean Day. Sermon and Celebrant: Rev. Cinthia Saul

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