

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

July 18, 2021

Pre-Service Music: *My Song Is Love Unknown* – Tracy Craig McKibben

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *God Is Love* – Penny Rodriguez

Call to Worship

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.

Prayer of the Day

**O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people,
Faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us
a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Opening Hymn #321: *The Churches One Foundation* (please stand)

Call to Confession

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless.

The riches of God's grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses.

Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

**We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs.
Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.
You have called us to tend your sheep:
to care for your people around the world,
to share what we have, and to reflect your love.
Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,
when our love for our neighbors is empty,
and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.**

(time for personal silent reflection and confession)

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.

By your forgiveness, free us to try again.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace.

Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

May 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 the People and Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

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)

Holy One, give hope to your church around the world and nurture it with a shepherd's care so that all will remember your faithfulness and love.

WL: Hear us O God **People: Your mercy is great**

Restore the earth to the goodness you provided at creation. Protect and renew the quiet places of the world.

WL: Hear us O God **People: Your mercy is great**

Break down the walls of hostilities that divide people and nations. Teach us to be neighbors to each other instead of strangers.

WL: Hear us O God **People: Your mercy is great**

Give rest to those who care for others in homes, hospitals, long term care, and hospice. Be with those who are dying, comfort those who grieve, and heal those who are sick. Especially (*insert prayer requests here*) and all those we name in our hearts before you today.

WL: Hear us O God **People: Your mercy is great**

Bring calm to those who are troubled because of frantic schedules and lack of leisure. Make this a place of rest and renewal.

WL: Hear us O God **People: Your mercy is great**

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: #182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone of our lives. Let us hear your word anew this day. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm Response #801 *The Lord is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* (remain seated)

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30 - 34, 53 - 56

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

Sermon: *Life Interrupted* Rev. Cinthia Saul

Affirmation of Faith (please stand)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn#187 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (please stand)

Charge: (remain standing)

Sung Benediction #546: *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* (remain standing)

Verse 1

Postlude: *With Joyful Hearts* – Faye Lopez (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music performed by Lorie Francis, Mary Kwantes and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led Rev. Cinthia Saul and Dixie Finley

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