

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

August 8, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Call to Worship

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

**We sought the Lord, and God answered us.
God delivered us from all our fears.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true Bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he my live in us, and we in him, and that strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #509: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (please stand)

Call to Confession based on Psalm 34:1 - 8

I sought the Lord and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Therefore, let us confess our sins and receive Christ's mercy

Prayer of Confession

**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.
You have called us to wear truth as a garment,
but we are prone to lie and would rather hide behind a mask.
You have called us to struggle against evil in this world,
but instead we struggle for success and for power.
You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,
but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.**

**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.
Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.
Wash us in your mercy, and make us imitators of your compassion.**
(time for personal silent reflection and confession)

Let all God's children say,

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The poor man cried and the Lord heard him and saved him from out of all his troubles.

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them. By the grace of God 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 the People and Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Trusting in your grace, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples 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: #514 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light more than those who watch for the morning. Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption, a new day, a new life in Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Lesson: John 6: 35, 41-51

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

Sermon: “*Home Sweet Home*” Tonya Johnson Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God’s eternal Son.

Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person. We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit.

God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

Excerpted and adapted from the French Confession of 1559, based on a translation of the original text by Dr. Ellen Babinsky, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Dr. Joseph D. Small, Office of Theology and Worship, PC(USA)

Closing Hymn#754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* (please stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Go in peace. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: (please be seated)

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