

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service on Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

Pre-Service Music: *Thy Holy Wings O Savior* – Terry Osman

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Prayerful Thoughts* – Terry Osman

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it
have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Prayer of the Day

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #504: *We Come as Guests Invited* (please stand)

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

**O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,
guiding us to place our trust in you.
The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,
challenging us to seek the things that matter.
Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen.
We place our trust in things that are fleeting.
We seek the things that make us comfortable,
rather than seeking the way of your peace.
Forgive us, God of grace,
and teach us to walk in the path lined by your
wisdom. (time for personal silent reflection and confession)**

Let all God's children say,

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers in Christ, 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 joys and concerns, and the prayer list.
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our 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: #459 *O Word of God Incarnate* (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, open our hearts and minds to your message of love and redemption received through the reading of your Word. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Lesson: John 6:47-58

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

Sermon: *"Dwelling in Christ"*

Jonathan Kimball

***Affirmation of Faith**

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving; for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. If you put these instructions before the brethren you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the good doctrine which you have followed.

1 Tim. 3:16, 4:4-6 (Revised Standard Version)

Closing Hymn#641 *When in Our Music God is Glorified vs. 1, 3, 5* (please stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Go in peace. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *Celebration in G Major* – Shayla L. Blake (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, Mary Kwantes and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Cheryl Koederitz and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.

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