

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

September 26, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

the healer of all that is wounded.

Our trust is in the name of the Lord,

the one we gather to worship and praise.

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #393: O Day of Rest and Gladness (please stand)

Call to Confession

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Lord, you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can. You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that

we will be condemned. Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another.
[take time for personal reflection and confession]

All of God's children say: **Amen!**

Declaration of Forgiveness *from Psalm 146*

The Lord always keeps his promises:

He judges in favor of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and gives sight to the blind.

He lifts those who have fallen; he loves his righteous people, and forgives us all of our sins.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God repeat twice*

Time for sharing of joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Worship leader will lead the prayers. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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: #793 *O Christ the Healer* 1, 2, 5 (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination *from Psalm 19*

Let us pray: The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes.

Lord open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to receive your word this day.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19:7-14

Epistle Lesson: James 5:13 - 20

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 38 -50

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

Sermon: Stumbling Blocks

Jonathan Kimball

Reception of New Member: Lloyd Evans

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed (please stand)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sending Hymn#546: *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (remain standing)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Go my children with God's blessing, **never alone.**

Go my children sins forgiven, **at peace and pure.**

Go my children fed and nourished, **joyful and free.**

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: (please be seated)

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