

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service on Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

Pre-Service Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth* - Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Melody* - Villemo Daneling

Call to Worship

Come, you who are weary.

Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.

Come, you who are joyful.

Join in God's praise with the choir of the saints.

Come, you who are doubting.

Behold the one who brings sight to the blind.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* (please stand)

Call to Confession adapted from Psalm 34

I prayed to the Lord and he answered me;

he freed me from all my fears.

Find out for yourself how good the Lord is;

Happy are those who find safety with him.

The Lord will save his people;

Those who go to him for protection will be spared.

Let us confess our sins before each other and the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

**Heal us of our blindness, O Lord, for it is a blindness we have chosen.
We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,
turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,
and blur our faces in the mirror, lest we recognize your image.**

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Heal us of our blindness, and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.

[take time for personal reflection and confession]

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

Declaration of Forgiveness *from Psalm 34*

The Lord watches over the righteous and listens to their cries.

**The righteous call to the Lord and he listens;
he rescues them from all their troubles.**

With this assurance we have confessed our sins, and they are forgiven.

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.**

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord, 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: #74 *When God Restored Our Common Life* Psalm 126 (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Lord open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 7:18-28

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10: 46 - 52

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

Sermon: *Christ's Reconciling Love* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith –(please stand)

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.

We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order that the Word may be more fully confirmed.

Baptism is given to us as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted into the body of Christ, and renewed in holiness of life by his Spirit.

The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake.

The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body. As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified.

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)

Sending Hymn#313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* (remain standing)

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *The Joyful Trumpet* - Patricia Lou Harris (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis. Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.

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