

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service on Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

As we gather around the Word, font, and table,

we pray for the faith of children.

We pray for trust, humility, and kindness.

We pray for wonder, imagination, and creativity.

Let the little children come to me, Jesus said,

for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Opening Hymn #25: O Lord, Our God, How Excellent vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 (Psalm 8)

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

United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe.

We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace.

Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body.

We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles.

We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of “us” and “them.”

Again and again, you call us back to the waters; again and again,

we turn away. Forgive us, uniting God, and by your forgiveness,

challenge us to tend to each other’s wounds. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, 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 #583: *Glory to God*

Time for sharing of joys and concerns, and the prayer list (please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

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.

And the people say.

Amen

Hymn #466: Come and Fill Our Hearts *sing 3 times*

Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord in these busy times, come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Settle our troubled minds that we may be open to your word, this day,
and every day. Help us to hear, that we may be guided to walk always
in your presence. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 8

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:13 - 16

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

Sermon: *All Children are Welcomed and Encouraged to Come*

Rev. Dennis Winzenried

Communion Hymn #503: *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south, from east and west, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

the one who first taught us to pray, saying: Our Father..

**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**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #509: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly vs 1,2,3*
24 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens vs. 4

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

Go in Peace, Live in Love, **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by William Owen and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Rev. Dennis Winzenried, and Pam Cottingham.

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