

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service on Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2022, 9:45 am

Pre-Service Music: *Chapel Echoes* - Steven Scott

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Call to Worship* - Iouri Grichetchkine

Introit #278: *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire vs. 1 and 4*

Call to Worship

God, stretching to the heavens—

God, lofty like the clouds—

God, mighty like the mountains—

God, immense like the great deep—

your salvation is expansive and generous,
touching people and creatures alike.

We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness v. 1 and 3* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Who among us has not been enticed and led astray by idols?
All of us come with need to confess.

Let us do so with trust in God's endless desire to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

**Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people,
but our good intentions run out and we come up empty.
For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One.
Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks,
that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation
may know your justice and love.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down.
Gone are old names of derision:

Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls you by new names:

Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Healer, Prophet, Mystic.

Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #581

Anthem: *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Worship leader will lead the prayers. God of Grace. **Hear our prayer.**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 #435: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-14

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

Sermon Try the Other Side

Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967 (please stand)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Sending Hymn:#761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (remain standing)

Benediction: (To be read in unison) (remain standing)

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day:

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

Postlude: *With Praises All Unite!* - Geoffrey Edwards (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by the Chancel Choir, Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Maudanne Pursley and sermon provided by Rev. Bob Morrison.

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