

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

January 23, 2022, 9:45 am

Pre-Service Music: *The Love of God* - Marty Parks

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Reflection* - Mark Hayes

Introit: *Seek to Serve* Lloyd Pfautsch

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;

night after night they display knowledge. ...

The law of the LORD is perfect,

reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,

making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,

giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,

giving light to the eyes. ...

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

Let us worship God.

Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Opening Hymn #409 *God is Here!* v. 1, 2, and 4 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Turning to God and following the light of Christ,

let us in faith confess our sin and the sins of the world.

Prayer of Confession

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and of your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, minds or strength or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Declaration of Forgiveness

May the God of mercy, the Lord of strength, forgive you all your sins; and may the Holy Spirit keep you in new life.

Through Jesus Christ our sins have been forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #581

Anthem: *Blessed Assurance* – arr. Dale Grotenhuis

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 #733: *We All Are One in Mission*

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

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

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

Sermon

Knit Together as Christ's Body

Rev. Dennis Winzenried

Affirmation of Faith

(please stand)

*The Image of the Invisible God from "Uniting in Worship People's Book"
based on Colossians 1:15-20*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things were created through him; all were created for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Christ is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, so that he may be first in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell;
and Christ has reconciled to God all things,
both on earth and in heaven,
making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen**

Sending Hymn:#634 *To God Be The Glory*

(remain standing)

Benediction

(remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Ceaseless Praise* - Anthony Giamanco

(please be seated)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good. To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as;

When do I feel most alive?

What do I love to do?

What things, tasks or actions fill me with a sense of purpose?

What am I doing when times seems to stand still?

These questions help us discern the Spirit's movement in our lives.

Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness. When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is birthed. How or where is God calling you?

Annual Meeting for First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

- Call to Order
- Confirm Quorum
- Nomination and election of officers
- Presentation of church budget
- Questions on committee annual reports

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by the Chancel Choir, Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Rev. Dennis Winzenried.

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