

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla  
Worship Service for the Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*June 26, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:**

**Introit #401:**    *Here in This Place*    vs. 1

**Call to Worship**

We gather to worship our God of wonder.

**We gather to meditate on God's works and mighty deeds.**

Our God who is great and mighty, with arms stretched out,

**He welcomes us into the fold.**

Let us gather to worship our God of wonder!

**Prayer of the Day**

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinder us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Opening Hymn #726:**    *Will You Come and Follow Me* vs. 1, 2 and 3, 5    (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Seeking to follow God, shepherd of our flock, we know how we have strayed.

**We humbly confess the ways in which we have sinned,  
that we might find grace.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, We confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We have impure thoughts. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin.**

**Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of your people. Amen**

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, we are all called to freedom.

**Amidst thunderous storms and rocky waters, God reaches out to us in love.**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #582:** *Glory to God*

**Hymn #718:** *Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said* vs. 1, 2, 4

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

### **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

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

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit we entrust those spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping, as we pray the words your Son 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 #814:** *In God Alone* *sing 3 times*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21

**Epistle Lesson:** Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 9: 51-62

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

**Sermon:** *The Jesus Invitation* Rev. John Nipper

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings** (please stand)

**Doxology #606:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## **Prayer of Dedication:**

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, and nourish us with your heavenly food. Prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, and help us put to work the blessings with which we are blessed. In the name of Christ our light and Savior. Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith** *We Are One in Christ Jesus* (seated)

**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.**

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#726:** *Will You Come and Follow Me* vs. 1, 4, 5 (stand)

**Benediction:** paraphrased from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (remain standing)

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

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

**Postlude:** (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by William Owen, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Mary Kwantes and sermon provided by Rev. Dr. John Nipper.*

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