

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

July 10, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *Adagio* - Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Meditation on "Ubi Caritas"* - Douglas E. Wagner

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

Call to Worship

People of God, what are we here to do?

To love the Lord our God with heart and soul, strength and might.

What are we here to do?

To love our neighbors as ourselves.

Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

Opening Hymn #305: *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Claiming us in love,

God beckons us to grow in that love and to reflect that love to others.

Yet sin obstructs our efforts and prevents us from living as God intends.

In penitence and faith, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to

**love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.
Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love
requires and the grace to receive what love has to give.
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary.
Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God.

This is good news! 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*

Hymn #766: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* vs. 1, 2, 3, and 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 #451: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Prayer for Illumination

**Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day.
Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1: 1-14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

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

Sermon: “Entering Someone Else’s Story”

Rev. Bob Morrison

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

God of abundance; you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith We are Not Alone (seated)

**We are not alone. We live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
(from The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968)**

Sending Hymn#745: *Now Go in Joy (sing two times)* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Now go in joy to spread the Word ‘til all people have heard: God embraces all!

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

Postlude: *A Cheerful Trumpet* - Patricia Lou Harris (please be seated)

Congregational Meeting will follow the postlude. All are invited to stay.

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

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