

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

July 31, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* - C.E. Walz

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Let It Rain* - Johnathan Kana

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

Call to Worship

Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and I was healed!

We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure!

Praise God! Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

God turned our mourning into dancing!

Prayer of the Day

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you,
and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Opening Hymn #664: *Morning Has Broken* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Because we are loved,

we are called to turn to God in humility.

We fall short of who God calls us to be,

but we are never forsaken.

In faith and with confidence as beloved children,

let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

God, YOU have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to YOU with the hope of YOUR restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them.

Pause for Silent Prayers of Confession

Fill us with YOUR peace and with YOUR mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in YOU. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon Romans 6:3-4, 11 (NRSV)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life...So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, in Jesus' name, know that your sins are forgiven and you are given new life.

Thanks be unto God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Hymn #417: *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (seated)

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; 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 #412: *God Reveal Your Presence* vs. 1 and 3 (seated)

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.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 42 *read responsively*

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Sermon: "Hoping Against Hope" Pastor Dennis Winzenried

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed (please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (remain standing)

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

Prayer of Dedication: (seated)

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn#716: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: excerpts from 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (remain standing)

Put things in order, agree with one another, live in peace;
and the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace
of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Postlude: *Blessed Assurance* - Larry Shackley (please be seated)

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Worship led by Maudanne Pursley and sermon provided by Pastor Dennis Winzenried.*

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