

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

July 3, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *I Must Tell Jesus* - Jeff Bennett

Welcome and Announcements

We will be having an informational congregation meeting on July 10th after worship about the Pastor Nominating Committee and our capital campaign.

Prelude: *My Gift to You* - Jane Wood

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

Call to Worship

When we were low,

God raised us up.

When we were weak,

God made us strong.

When we were weeping,

God brought us joy.

Prayer of the Day

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #645: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* vs. 1, 2, 3 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way.

But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation.

Let us seek God's forgiveness,

so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Relentlessly...

God seeks us out.

With abundant grace and boundless mercy,

God seeks us out.

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*

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

Prayers of the People

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 these spoken prayers and those in our heart into your holy keeping. Amen.

Hymn #298: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* vs. 1, 2, 3 (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone.
Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear
nourish us today in the ways of eternal life,
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 66: 10-14

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 6: 1-16

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

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

Sermon *Wolves or Snakes* Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn #498: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* vs. 1, 2, 3

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south, from east and west,
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin.

We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us 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

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Communion Hymn #498: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* vs. 4

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Sending Hymn #526: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (please stand)

Benediction

The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Go in Peace, Live in Love, **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude: *Recessional* - Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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