

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

Aug. 14, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *A Prayer for Peace* - Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *A Song of Hope* - Michael Ryan

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

Call to Worship

Behold the gathering of God's own:

Beside believers and among apostles, drawn together as disciples and doubters, we are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints!

We are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses.

Let us run with perseverance the race before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #319: *All of Faith Rise Up and Sing* (please stand)

(Intro last phrase of chorus, V1, Ch, V2, Ch, BRIDGE, Ch, V3, Ch, CODA 3x)

Call to Confession

Gathered before the throne of God's infinite mercy,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Let us confess our need for grace.

Prayer of Confession

Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities.

In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.

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

Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom.

**Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
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 #653: *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries v. 1 and 2 (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 #28: *You Are Before Me Lord vs. 1 and 5 (seated)*

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:29 – 12: 2

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49 – 56

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

Sermon: *Sand In My Shoes* Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith Revelation 22:13 (please stand)

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. 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#846: *Fight the Good Fight v. 1, 2, 3* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: 2 Corinthians 16:13 (remain standing)

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

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

Postlude: *Resounding Praise* - Anthony Giamanco (please be seated)

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

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