

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

Aug. 21, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *Whispering Hope* - Patti Brennan

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *O Searcher of Hearts* - Gene Clark

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

Call to Worship

God is our rock and our refuge,
a strong and mighty fortress.

Beloved, people of light, come;

The Lord is our hope. Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #275: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (please stand)

Call to Confession

In faith and in hope, turning to the rock of our salvation,
let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

O God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives. We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect the needs of others. In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us. Turn us to your way and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation.

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

The Lord is our hope and our trust, our light and salvation.

Believe the 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 #183: *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler vs. 1, 3, 4 (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 #722: *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak vs. 1, 3, 4 (seated)*

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58: 9b - 14

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:18 – 29

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13: 10 – 17

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

Sermon:

Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith **“We are not alone”** (please stand)

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)

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (remain standing)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

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#79: *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (stand)

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

Go out with joy and be led forward with peace.
Let all that you do be done in love.

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

Postlude: *Since I Have Been Redeemed* - Dan Forrest (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Dixie Finley and sermon provided by Susan Murray.

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