

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

Sept. 11, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *He Leadeth Me* - Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Day by Day* - Benjamin David Knoedler

Introit #422: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* *Psalm 51: 10 – 12*

Call to Worship

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain—

the pain of losing something precious.

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy—

the joy of finding what was lost.

We gather to hear Jesus speak

words of truth, words of power, words of love.

Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #475: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (please stand)

Call to Confession

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Let the sound of our confession cause celebration in heaven.

Prayer of Confession

Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgression you find there—ransack, renovate, redecorate! Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design. The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice.

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 saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are redeemed.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Hymn #739: *O for a Closer Walk with God* (seated)

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you: through Jesus Christ our Savior, who 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

Anthem:

Take My Life and Let it Be

Matthew Armstrong

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: Exodus 32: 7 - 14

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12 – 17

Psalm: Psalm 51:1 – 10

Sermon: Remembering 9/11

Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith *Serenity Prayer* Reinhold Niebuhr (please stand)

**God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make things right
if I surrender to His will:
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(remain standing)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

(stand)

**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.**

Sending Hymn#649: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* vs. 1, 3, 4, 5 (stand)

Charge and Benediction: Psalm 51 vs. 10 - 12 (remain standing)

Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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

Postlude: *When in Our Music God is Glorified* - Lloyd Larson (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, Jeff Sandquist, and the Chancel Choir. Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Susan Murray.

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