

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

*Sept. 18, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Adoration* - Mark Hayes

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Meditation* - John Turner

**Introit #670:**        *From the Rising of the Sun*        *Psalm 113*

**Call to Worship**

Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer,  
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

**we come to worship God.**

In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

**we come to worship God.**

In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

**let us worship God.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Opening Hymn #756:**        *O God of Every Nation*        (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom for all who fall short of the goodness of God.

**Trusting in God's mercy, let us turn to God and make our confession.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.**

*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**

God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure:

**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*

**Anthem:** *Trust in the Lord* Allen Pote

### **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**

**Hymn of the Day#343:** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Amos 8:4 – 7

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Timothy 2:1 - 7

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 16: 1 - 13

**Sermon:** *The Grace Economy*

Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith** 1 Corinthians 15 & Revelation 22:13 (please stand)

**This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that HE was buried, and that HE was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.**

**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:** (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#700:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** Phillipians 23-24 (remain standing)

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Go out and share the Good News with all you meet.

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

**Postlude:** *When I Can Read My Title Clear* - Tracey Craig McKibben (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Liz Stottlemyre and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.*

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