

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

Sept. 4, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *Psalm* - Benecetto Marcello

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Pastorale* - Robert Lau

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

Call to Worship

With endless creativity,

God forms and shapes our lives.

Each of us bears the image of our maker.

Each of us is made in love.

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name: and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #401: *Here in This Place* vs. 2, 3, 4 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Jesus calls us to follow him,

knowing that the path is difficult and that sin lurks at every turn.

Trusting in God's mercy,

let us seek forgiveness, that we may follow more nearly in the way of Jesus.

Hymn #718: *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* (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: Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20

Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1 – 21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 25 - 33

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

Sermon

Dying to Self

Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn #754: *Help Us Accept Each Other* (seated)

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 #497: *Bread of Life from Heaven vs. 4 (ref/v/ref)*

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 #744: *Arise, Your Light Is Come* (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: *Heaven* - Ruth Elaine Schram

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