

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

Oct. 9, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *For All the Faithful* - C.E. Walz

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Fair Havens* - Stan Pethel

Introit #54: *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* *Psalm 66*

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #681: *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made* (please stand)

Call to Confession

God promises mercy for all those who repent.

Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Christ, you send us to cure the sick, but we blame the sick for their choices. You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high-risk pools. You compel us to raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help. In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive us, O Lord. Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation. Enable us to love one another as you love us, that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all people. Amen

Declaration of Pardon

In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven. Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *O Sing to the Lord a New Song* Anna Laura Page

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God: through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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#793: *O Christ, the Healer* *vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5*

Prayer for Illumination

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens.
Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones
so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your
resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

Two Readings from the Psalms

Psalm 111

Psalm 66: 1 – 12

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17: 11 – 19

Sermon:

Praising God

Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith From The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968 (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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(remain standing)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

(stand)

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts that they may be used to your glory in this place. Help us to share your gifts with all those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn#543: *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me vs. 1, 2, 4, 5* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: adapted from 1 Corinthians 16:13 (remain standing)

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

May the healing grace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Postlude: *Serve the Lord with Gladness* - John Turner

(please be seated)

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

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