

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

Oct. 16, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *I Shall Not Want* - Gene Clarke

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Prelude in g minor* - Craig A. Penfield

Introit #45: *I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes* *Psalm 121*

Call to Worship

We lift up our eyes to the hills; from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In praise and with thanksgiving, we gather as one body, with song and with prayer.

**The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time and forevermore. Come, let us worship God.**

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #396: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (please stand)

Call to Confession

The Word of God, Jesus Christ leads the way to salvation through faith.

**In turning to the Lord with humility, and trusting in his love,
we confess our sin and the sins of the world.**

Prayer of Confession

**Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs,
neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires,
while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.
We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need.
We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience.
Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel**

that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God.

Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin.

People of God, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *God Has Called Us* Robert A. Hobby and Susan Palo Cherwien

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#69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18: 1 – 8

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Sermon God's Law On Our Hearts

Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith Prayer for Listening and Speaking
First Presbyterian Church or Rolla (please stand)

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

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#542: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: adapted from 2Corinthians 13:11 - 13 (remain standing)

Finally brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, Agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Postlude: *Jigg in C Major* - William Edmund (please be seated)

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

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