

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

*Oct. 23, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Meditation No. 5* - John Turner

**Welcome and Announcements**

In-person Christian Education series, "A Close Look at Jesus's Birth"

John Calvin Presbytery Advent [Bible study via Zoom](#), *Songs for the Waiting*

**Prelude:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* - Mark Hayes

**Introit #402:** *How Lovely, Lord* vs 1 & 2 Psalm 84

**Call to Worship**

How lovely is the house of the Lord.

**How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.**

How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.

**How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.**

**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 #415:** *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (stand)

**Call to Confession**

The God of mercy waits in compassion to show mercy.

**Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off, God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in. This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are,

**We belong to God.**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #583:** *Glory to God*

**Anthem:** *O Lord Thou Hast Searched Me Out and Known Me* Philip WJ Stopford

**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#619:** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* (seated)

## **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:** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

**Epistle Lesson:** 2 Timothy 4:6 – 8, 16 – 18

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 18: 9 – 14

**Sermon**      *Itching Ears*                  Rev. Bob Morrison

**Affirmation of Faith**      **John 14:1-14**

**We believe in God, creator of all that is and all that is to come. In God's house are many rooms, and God prepares a place for us, so that where God is, we may be also. We believe in God; we believe also in Christ, who is our way, our truth and our life. Through him we have seen God, who lived and worked in him. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us; so that we may do the works that Jesus does, and even greater works; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Alleluia.**

**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#269:** *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** from Romans 15:5–6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Postlude:** *Amen* - Mark Hayes (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Javier Valentin-Sivico, and sermon provided by Rev. Bob Morrison.*

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