

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Service for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Nov. 13, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *There is a Happy Land* - C.E. Walz

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Worthy* - Todd Beaney

Introit #371: *New Songs of Celebration Render* Psalm 98

Call to Worship

Surely God is our salvation;

we will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is our strength and our might;

God has become our salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #761: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (stand)

Call to Confession

Before we call, God answers us. While we are still speaking, God hears us.

Let us confess our sin to God, who even now is waiting to say, "I forgive you."

Prayer of Confession

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

God is creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. They shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating: newness of life.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Alleluia

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *Verleih' uns Frieden (Grant Unto Us Thy Peace, O Lord)* Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.
Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Lord in your mercy. **Receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you: 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 #77: *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old* (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: Malachi 4:1 - 2a

Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – 13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21: 5 – 19

Sermon *These Are the End Times* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith (stand)

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person. We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift.

By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified.

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#373/270: *O Day of Peace vs 1, 2, O Lord, You are My God vs. 3* (stand)

Charge and Benediction

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, bless you now and forever.

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

Postlude: *On the Wind of Spirit* - Mark Hayes (please be seated)

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