

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service for Christ the King Sunday last Sunday after Pentecost**

*November 20, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Sortie in B Flat Major* - Leon Boellmann

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Andante* - Friedrich von Spee

**Introit #766:** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* vs. 1

**Call to Worship**

People of God, what are we here to do?

**To love the Lord our God with heart and soul, strength and might.**

What are we here to do?

**To love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

**Opening Hymn #305:**                    *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*                    (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Claiming us in love,

**God beckons us to grow in that love and to reflect that love to others.**

Yet sin obstructs our efforts and prevents us from living as God intends.

**In penitence and faith, let us seek God's forgiveness.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to**

**love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.  
Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love  
requires and the grace to receive what love has to give.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary.  
Amen.**

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God.

**This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

**Anthem:** *Zion, At Thy Shining Gates* - K. Lee Scott

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

### **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit we entrust those spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping, as we pray the words your Son 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 #451:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* vs. 1 and 2

### **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:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 1: 1-14

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 10:25-37

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

**Sermon:**

Susan Murray

**Affirmation of Faith** We are Not Alone (seated)

**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.**

(from The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968)

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings** (please stand)

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

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of abundance; you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on  
your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear  
fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn#273:** *He is King of Kings* (stand)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

Now go in joy to spread the Word til all people have heard: God embraces all!

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

**Postlude:** *Basse er Dessus* - Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (please be seated)

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

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