

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Moments in Prayer* - Anthony Giamanco

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* - Marianne Kim

Introit #853: *Siyahamba – We Are Marching in the Light of God*

Call to Worship

We are the church:

Sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.

We are the church:

Together with those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia! Let us gather to worship! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #827: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus, this Son of God.

We may be tempted to stay away, for we know we are not worthy of him.

Jesus does not care about worth, wealth and power.

Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly, willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God.

In that spirit, let us turn to Christ in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of each and every one of us. Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins. Alleluia!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory Be to the Father #581: *(please stand)*

Antem: *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty / Douglas E. Wagner

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Worship leader will lead the prayers. Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and all teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified, 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 #458:

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

(seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1 - 7

Epistle Lesson: 1st Corinthians 1:1 – 9

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29 - 42

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

“Not lacking”

Rev. Amy Cornelius

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

(stand)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as a people of your justice and freedom, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymns #39:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

vs. 1 and 3

(stand)

#765:

May the God of Hope Go With Us

Benediction:

(remain standing)

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me.

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

Postlude: *Postlude on “La Morisque”* - Tielman Susato

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Jeff Sandquist and Lorie Francis.
Worship led by Danny Stottlemire and sermon provided by Amy Cornelius.*

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