

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

January 29, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Voluntary in C Major* - Henry Heron

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Fantasie in d minor* - Johann Krieger

Introit #396: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* vs. 1

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

God is our shelter and our shade. We will sing to the God of our salvation!

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #234: *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* vs. 1, 2, 3 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human.

Jesus knows we are not perfect. He knows we will not always get it right.

All he asks is that we try, learn, and try again.

**Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed,
that God may teach us what we must learn.**

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.

Declaration of Pardon

Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.

Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.

Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Anthem: *Seek to Serve* Lloyd Pfautsch

Installation of Church Officers

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
And individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ.

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.

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches.

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 #170:

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

(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

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12 – 23

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Called and Equipped to Serve

Rev. Dennis Winzenried

Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla (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 Pledges, Tithes, and Offerings

(please stand)

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

Prayer of Dedication: *adapted from Stewardship Prayer – Thomas Merton*

Today we dedicate the pledges made by members of this congregation to support the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Rolla. Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen.

Sending Hymn #716: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Trumpet Ovation* - Gilbert M. Martin

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Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Rev. Dennis Winzenried.*

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