

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

February 5, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *When You Eat This Bread* - Todd Beaney

Welcome and Announcements

The Outreach Committee will have the soup pots ready on Souper Bowl Sunday February 12. You can show your support of your favorite team by donating. The monies collected will be given to a local charity. This year the Kansas City CHIEFS will be playing against some other team (eagles). Thank you in advance.

The Outreach Committee is providing a meal for Common Call on the MS&T campus. They meet on Thursday evenings. There are usually around six attending. We trade monthly with Christ Episcopal Church. Our months are February and April. If you could help by providing a meal or part of a meal, please call Maudanne Pursley, 573-201-9292.

Prelude: *Prayerful Thoughts* - Terry Osman

Introit #668: *Golden Breaks the Dawn*

Call to Worship

Let your light shine!

We are the salt of the earth.

Let your light shine!

We are the light of the world.

Let your light shine!

Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!

Let your light shine!

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—

the things we have done or not done, said or not said.

Trusting in God's mercy,

let us lay down those burdens before God.

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace. Amen

Declaration of Pardon

Beloved, hear the good news:

When we cry for help, **God says, "Here I am!"**

When we ask for mercy, **God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *We Place Upon Your Table* Robert Hobby

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

Prayers of the People

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.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Hymn #816:

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

(seated)

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:1 – 9

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13 – 20

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Be Christ's Light

Jonathan Kimball

Response Hymn:

This Little Light of Mine

Communion Hymn #501:

Feed Us, Lord vs. 1, 2, 3

(seated)

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south, from east and west,
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the

bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin. We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising
you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy

