

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Pentecost**

May 28, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Hymn to Our Protector* - Donna J. Krieger

Welcome and Announcements

- If you need a ride to worship, contact a deacon or the church office (573-364-3852).
- Called congregational meeting next Sunday, June 4, at 9:30.
- Bible study on hiatus for the summer.
- First Friday Out is June 2, 6 pm, Colton's. Contact Jonathan Kimball for a reservation.
- Pentecost offering today. 40% goes to G.R.A.C.E. for Kids.

Prelude: *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* - Sandra Eithun

Introit #291: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* vs. 4

Call to Worship

We worship a creative God who formed all living things!

We worship an abundant God who gives each of us different gifts!

We worship a glorious God,

who is seen in the vast array of creation! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgement in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #280: *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (please stand)

Call to Confession

God pours out the Spirit upon us,

but we do not always welcome God's gifts.

Let us confess our doubts and fears,

that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

Declaration of Pardon

Scripture is clear:

everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #582:

(please stand)

Anthem: *O Thou Who Camest from Above* Philip W. J. Stopford

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. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

United in the hope and joy of resurrection,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 #288: *Spirit of the Living God* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104: 24 - 35

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13

Sermon Lesson: Acts 2:1 - 21

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *What I Learned About Pentecost* Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla

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 Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Offering #716: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* v. 1

Prayer of Dedication:

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Sending Hymn #543: *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* vs. 1,2,4,5 (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**
Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: Rondeau - David Lasky

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Worship led by Cheryl Koederitz and sermon provided by Susan Murray.*

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