

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

*June 11, 2023*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Invocation* - John Turner

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Prayers for Loved Ones* - John Turner

**Welcoming Song #401:**                    *Here in This Place*                    vs. 1

**Call to Worship**

We say we come to worship to be with God, but the beautiful truth is:

**God is already with us. God is always with us.**

So in this time together,

**let us lift our voices in praise of this loving, ever-present God!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #664:**    *Morning Has Broken*    (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Christ came for us in the midst of our sins.

**Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are, let us offer our prayers of confession.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.**

**Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

People of God, hear and believe the good news:

**Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Glory to God #582:** *(please stand)*

**Hymn of the Day #720:** *Jesus Calls Us*

**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.* God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it.

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of 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**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 12:1-9

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 4:13-25

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**

*Is that you God?...I'm Listening*

Mary Kwantes

**Affirmation of Faith** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.07.

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

**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 Christ Jesus, our risen Savior and wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #69:**

*Here I Am, Lord*

(stand)

**Benediction:**

(remain standing)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said,

**“Here I am; send me!”** *Isaiah 6:8*

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

**Postlude:** *Amen* - Mark Hayes

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Jeff Sandquist and Lorie Francis. Worship led by Cynthia Hobart and sermon provided by Mary Kwantes.*

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