

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - Larry Shockley

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Gracious* - Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcoming Song #100: *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* vs. 1

Call to Worship

We come together in the sure knowledge:

God does not pass us by.

We gather to worship knowing this truth:

God fulfills promises.

Even when we cannot muster belief:

God is faithful to us.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessing of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #100: *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* vs. 2, 3, 4 (please stand)

Call to Confession

God hears our voices and our supplications.

We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures.

Knowing that God will listen,

let us confess.

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up

riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The ancient words still bring truth today:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Praise be to God for this abounding love

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 #43:

On Eagles Wings

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.

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil.

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 #286:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God vs 1 and 2

(seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:2 – 8a

Psalms Reading: Psalm 100

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Faith It Until You Make It* Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith From The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968 (stand)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Offering #710: *We are an Offering*

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 #547: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Go my children with the Lord's blessing, joyful and free!

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

Postlude: *Recessional* - John Turner

Scriptures are read from the NRSVue translation. Music presented by Jeff Sandquist and Lorie Francis. Worship led by Dixie Finley and sermon provided by Susan Murray.

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