

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *He Keeps Me Singing* - Terry Osman

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Peaceful* - Mark Hayes

Welcoming Song #466: *Come and Fill Our Hearts* sing 3 times

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #482: *Baptized in Water* (please stand)

Call to Confession

We have died to sin;

yet we continue to live in it.

God's grace abounds

so we might move past our sins.

Trusting that promise,

let us confess.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection:

he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ,

who frees us from sin!

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 #427: *Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*

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.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world.

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 #466: *Come and Fill Our Hearts* sing 3 times (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: Jeremiah 20:7 – 13

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1b - 11

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24 – 39

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Vertical and the Horizontal* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed (stand)

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

Offering #710: *We are an Offering*

Prayer of Dedication:

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your
graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

Benediction:

(remain standing)

God be the love to search and keep me,
God be the prayer to hear my voice:
God be the strength to now uphold me:
Through this week and for all of our days.

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

Postlude: *Great God of Might and Glory* - Lani Smith

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