

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

*July 2, 2023*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Meditation* - Caleb Simper

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *A Canticle of Peace* - Franklin Ritter

**Welcoming Song #409:** *God is Here* verse 1 (stand)

**Call to Worship**

God has welcomed us without reservation, so let us welcome all in God's name!

**Peace be with you. God's peace be among us, around us, and within us.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #331:** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

As we try to grow toward righteousness,

**we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty,**

naming where we still obey sin and death,

**instead of goodness and life.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer. Amen**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Glory to God #582:**

### **Hymn of the Day #330: Our Help is in the Name of God**

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

## **Prayers of the People**

*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 for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need.

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

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

(please stand)

### **Offering #708:**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own vs. 1 and 2*

### **Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of good gifts, receive these and all of our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Through the grace of God we have gifts in abundance and share them to support the work of the church in this place. Amen.**

## **Scriptures for the Day**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 28: 5 – 9

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 10: 40 - 42

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 6: 12 - 23

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *Freedom for Reconciliation* Jonathan Kimball

**Communion Hymn #498:** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken vs. 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 Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us 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**

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.  
Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Come to me and never be hungry;  
believe in me and never thirst.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.** *(take the communion)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the  
saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this  
sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of  
your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and  
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

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

**Benediction:**

(remain standing)

We thank you generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

**Postlude:** *Trumpet Ovation* - Gilbert M. Martin

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