

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

August 13, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *My Song Is Love Unknown* - Tracey Craig McKibben

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *The Lord's My Shepherd* - Lindell Leatherman

Welcoming Song #311: *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* vs. 1

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We glory in God's holy name!

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

we come to be in God's presence.

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver, your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #264: *At the Name of Jesus* (please stand)

Call to Confession

We come seeking God's voice,

a voice that loves us, cares for us,

but also challenges us to do better,

to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly.

Let us be honest with God

about where we are on our journey.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #583:

(please stand)

Hymn of the Day #169: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

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.**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means.

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

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 #410:

God is Calling through the Whisper

(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: 1 Kings 19:9 - 18

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:5 - 15

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22 - 33

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Trust in the Lord* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968 (please 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 #716: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* vs. 1, 3

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 #754: *Help Us Accept Each Other* (standing)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Help us, teach us, change us, all to prepare us to meet the challenges we face within these walls, in our community, and in our world.

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

Postlude: *Love Lifted Me* - Ruth Elaine Schram

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