

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Nov. 12, 2023*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Holy Sovereign Lord* - Lloyd Larson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Thy Holy Wings, O Savior* - Terry Osman

**Introit #349:**                    *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*       Chancel Choir

**Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day**

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

**We choose love. We choose hope. We choose peace. We choose kindness.  
We choose welcome. We choose justice. We choose to serve God.**

Let us worship

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Opening Hymn #757:**     *Today We All are Called to Be Disciples*       (stand)

**Call to Confession**

Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works.

**Our hope is in God. But we do not always keep God's commandments.**

Let us confess our sins before our merciful and mighty God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive.**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.

**We proclaim that God is great because of this good news: we are forgiven!**

Be at peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #581:**                    *Glory Be to the Father*                    *(please stand)*

**Anthem:**                            *Keep Your Lamps*                            arr. Andre Thomas

**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.*

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth.

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

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We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy: through 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 #352:**                    *My Lord! What a Morning*                    (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:** Amos 5:18 - 24

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 25:1 - 13

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**                      *You Had One Job!*                      Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith:** 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 22:13                      (please stand)

**This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that HE was buried, and that HE was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that he appeared to the women, to Cephas and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**                      (stand)

**Offering #709:**                      *God, We Honor You*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts that they may be used to your glory in this place. Help us to share your gifts with all those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #192:**                      *Shine, Jesus, Shine*                      (stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** from Psalm 32: 10 – 11

Shine, Jesus shine! Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light!  
May we be the ones to take this charge and share it in our daily lives.  
Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord.**

**Postlude:** *Grateful* - Mark Hayes

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