

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday
Nov. 26, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *At Peace* - John Turner

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Grateful for God's Blessings* - Terry Osman

Introit #386: *Come Worship God (Psalm 95)* Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Make a joyful noise to God!

Worship God with gladness!

Come into God's presence with a song!

Know that the Lord is God.

God made us. We belong to God.

Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of our grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymns #15 / #268: *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs. 1 (stand)
Crown Him with Many Crowns vs. 1
All Creatures of Our God and King vs. 4
Crown Him with Many Crowns vs. 3
Sing praises, Alleluia! refrain

Call to Confession

As children of God, we come to God in our joys, in our sorrows, in our fears, and in our guilt.

Knowing that God loves us and embraces us, let us bring our confessions to God.

Prayer of Confession

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

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: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Jake Runestad

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.

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of the Presbyterian Church at the local, presbytery, and national level, to partner with feeding ministries.

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

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 #392: *Jesus, We Are Here* (seated)

1. Jesus 2. Savior 3. Teacher

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, King of Glory, 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: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 - 24

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:15 – 23

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31 – 46

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Caring for the Kin-dom

Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

(please stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(stand)

Offering #692:

Spirit, Open My Heart v. 2

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 #766:

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

(stand)

Charge and Benediction:

The church of Christ cannot be bound.
Our charge is to share the gifts we have been given, as a sign of God's love
with all we meet in our daily lives, and in our living.
Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *Up! Good Christian Folk* - Brad Nix

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