

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Pentecost**

May 19, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *All Creatures of Our God and King* - Geistliche Kirchengesang

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Come Into His Presence* - Lynn Baird

Introit#290: *O Day of Joy and Wonder!* v. 1 Chancel Choir

Call to Worship:

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.

The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.

We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

How can this be, wonder-working God? You bring the gift of the Spirit to be with us. Our Comforter, our Advocate. Our Counselor, our Wisdom. These are but a few of the names we give as the Spirit speaks to our hearts. We give you thanks for the unending gifts of the Spirit. How can this be, that we have what we need when we need it? You, O God, are one and all things to us, and we raise our Hallelujahs. Amen.

Hymn #280: *Come O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (please stand)

Call to Confession

God pours out the Spirit upon us,

but we do not always welcome God's gifts.

Let us confess our doubts and fears,

that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

Declaration of Pardon

Scripture is clear:

everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (please stand)

Anthem: *Catch the Vision! Share the Glory!* arr. Mark Kellner

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 of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of the Good News. (*brief silence*)

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon all those who worship, especially the students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ our resurrected and living 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 #289: *On Pentecost They Gathered* (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

First Lesson: Acts 2:1 – 21

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:22 - 27

Gospel Lesson: John 15: 26 – 27, 16:4b - 15

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Holy Spirit Happening

Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith: (From “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit: Justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #709:

God, We Honor You

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, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn #360:

Christ is Coming!

(stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

Go into the world that God so loves, ready to be amazed and astonished, for the winds of the Spirit are starting to move, and the dry bones are beginning to rattle!
Go knowing that the Spirit goes behind and before you, drawing you into the heart of God and into the presence of our Savior.

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

Postlude: *He is Exalted* - Twila Paris

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