

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

June 2, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Here, at Your Table, Lord* - Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Let Us Break Bread Together* - Jason W. Drug

Welcome Song #311: *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

Call to Worship:

The God who has searched us and knows us, who is acquainted with all our ways, that God calls us each by name.

Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

The God who liberated slaves from Egypt, the Lord of the Sabbath who bids us rest, that God empowers us to make Jesus' life visible in our very bodies.

Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

Let us sing aloud to God, our strength, and shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Prayer of the Day:

O God of Creation and Sabbath, You know us better than we know ourselves. You formed our inward parts and wrote the book of all our days; you made the Sabbath for us and revealed to us your glory and our identity in the face of Jesus Christ, who healed and fed his people. May we accept your invitation to Sabbath rest, not a rest that comes after all that we can accomplish, but the rest of those who have been set free, even as you bring about a world in which all creation can cease from striving, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn #393: *O Day of Rest and Gladness* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Christ came for us in the midst of our sins.

Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are, let us offer our prayers of confession.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

People of God, hear and believe the good news:

Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #583: *Glory to God* *(please stand)*

Hymn of the Day #409: *God is Here!* v. 1, 2, 4

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

Prayers of the People

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

(brief silence)

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings *(please stand)*

Offering #716: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* v. 1, 3

Prayer of Dedication and Illumination:

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus. 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.

Hymn #451: *Open My Eyes, That I May See* v. 1, 2 (seated)

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testamen Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12 – 15

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1 – 12

Gospel Lesson: Mark 2: 23 – 3:6

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Clay Vessels* Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn#498: *Loaves Were Broken Words Were Spoken* v. 3, 4

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

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen

Sending Hymn #722: *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Benediction: (remain standing)

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: *Just Over in the Gloryland* - Emmett S. Dean

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