

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 9, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Saved by Grace* - Tracy Craig McKibben

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Peaceful Piano #2* - Mark Hayes

Welcoming Song #410: *God is Calling through the Whisper* v. 1

Call to Worship:

We wait for you, O God,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for your steadfast love,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for you to lift the lowly,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for your unexpected grace,

more than those who watch for the morning.

Let us sing of God's holy ways,

the glory of the one for whom we wait.

Prayer of the Day:

Steadfast God, you constantly surprise us with unprecedented grace and unexpected redemption, forgiving us when we least deserve it, showing love to those we most despise. Enliven us to keep watch for your love at work in those we demonize, for your power in those we look down upon, and for your deliverance from all the ways that we try to make you conform to the structures and systems we have built. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, who called us to a new way of being. Amen.

Hymn #307: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (please stand)

Call to Confession

God hears our voices and our supplications.

We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures.

Knowing that God will listen, let us confess.

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The ancient words still bring truth today:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Praise be to God for this abounding love

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Hymn of the Day #82: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

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

(brief silence)

You reawaken our hearts to our mercy. We give you thanks for
renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and
persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of
your beloved community.

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 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 #370: *This Is My Father's World* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis: 3:8 - 15

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20 - 35

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Who Is My Family?* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

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 (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #708: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* v. 1 and 2

Prayer of Dedication:

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Sending Hymn #546: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.
Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit;
put to death selfish desires,
and offer yourself for God's mission in the world.

And may God give strength to you and to all;
May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
give you assurance that you are God's children.

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

Postlude: *Standing on the Promises* - Ralph Long

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