

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

June 16, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Lord of the Wind and the Sea* - Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Peace* - Mark Hayes

Welcoming Song #413: *Come into God's Presence*

Call to Worship:

Some look to technology or power to bring them salvation,

but we look to God.

Some look to quantity or efficiency as signs of success,

but we look to God.

For you, O God, have made us whole.

At the works of your hands we sing for joy!

Prayer of the Day:

God of the mysterious garden that flourishes when we least expect, you do not perceive the world as we do. In the smallest seed, you see a home for a host of creatures. From among the overlooked and forgotten, you call disciples to carry out your will. Enable us to regard each person not through the prejudices that have shaped us, but through the love of Jesus Christ, the first fruit of your new creation. Amen.

Hymn #263: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (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 #36: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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)

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love.

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 #817: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight* v 1, 2, 3 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel: 17:22 - 24

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6 – 10, 14 - 17

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26 - 34

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *God Gives the Growth* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #712: *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*
v. 1 and 3

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 #547: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Go my children with the Lord's blessing, joyful and free!
Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *When We All Get to Heaven* - Mark Hayes

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