

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* - William Ringham

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Reflection* - Todd Heaney

Welcoming Song #396: *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* v. 1

Call to Worship:

The God who first heard the morning stars sing never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

The God who set the limits of the seas remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Come, let us thank God for steadfast love,

for all God's mighty works.

Let us pray:

Prayer of the Day:

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #81: *Glorious Things* (please stand)

Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

Call to Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #582: *Glory to God* *(please stand)*

Hymn of the Day #39: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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.

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

(brief silence)

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

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 #317: *In Christ There Is No East or West* (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

Old Testament Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:11-24

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Wearing Shoes Of Different Colors* Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith: From Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #717: *For the Life That You Have Given*

Prayer of Dedication:

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn #543: *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

(stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

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

Postlude: *We Are Travelers on a Journey* - Mark Hayes

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