

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

*July 14, 2024*

**Pre-Service Music:**    *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Frederick Cook Atkinson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:**        *Give Thanks*    Henry Smith

**Welcoming Song #301:**    *Let Us Build a House v 1, 3 & 5*

**Call to Worship:**

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

**God's mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning.

**Great is your faithfulness, O God.**

Weeping may linger for the night,

**but joy comes with the morning, for you hear us when we cry.**

So, we will praise you and will not be silent.

**Sing praises, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

**O God of our salvation, you send prophets in our midst to correct us when we have gone astray, to warn us away from the crooked path, and to make clear the consequences of sin.**

**Too often, we want to stray, we enjoy the crooked path, and we do not care about the consequences.**

**So we twist the prophet's words or listen only in part.  
O God, grant us the humility to hear in a prophet's correction  
the honey tones of your salvation, the harmonies of your  
steadfast love. Amen.**

**Hymn #93: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** (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. We will have a time of silence to privately confess our sins and then please join me in the printed prayer,

TIME OF SILENCE PRAYER

**let us pray**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

### **Declaration of Pardon**

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, nothing will be able to separate us from the Love of God.**

Will things present or things to come?

**No, nothing will be able to separate us from the Love of God.**

Will powers, or height, or depth, or anything else in all creation?

**No, nothing will be able to separate us from the Love of God.**

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)*

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

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Christ our peace, you promise to make us one new humanity, reconciling us to God and building us into a dwelling place for the Most High, firm atop the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

In Your mercy,      **Hear our prayer.**

Like the prophets before us, you have called us to be shepherds who both guide and comfort.

In Your mercy,      **Hear our prayer.**

Model for us how to be good shepherds, not those who scatter the sheep with errant advice and wayward words, but those who lead them beside still waters, in right paths, for the sake of your Holy Name.

In Your mercy,      **Hear our prayer.**

The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 of the Day #307:**      *God of Grace and God of Glory* v 1 & 3

Join in the prayer of illumination. Let us pray:

**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:** Psalms 85:8-13

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 6:14-29

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**

***What Evil Needs***

Susan Murray

**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

(please be seated)

**Offertory Hymn #711: Lord of All Good**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel, through Christ Jesus, our risen Savior and wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #761: Called as Partners in Christ's Service** (stand)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

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

**Postlude:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Oliver Holden

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