

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

July 21, 2024

Pre-Service Music: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
Joseph Barnby

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "I Worship You, Almighty God" Sondra Corbett-Wood

Welcoming Song #386: *Come, Worship God*

Call to Worship:

Christ calls to us: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

O God, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.

Let us pray:

Prayer of the Day:

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #802: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (please stand)

Call to Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sins,

whose mercy endures forever.

let us confess.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desires to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the sources of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

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

Please share the peace of Christ with those around 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

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Listen for the prompt "In Your mercy" and respond with "Hear our prayer."

One in communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

(Brief silence)

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace.

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

Holy God, hold and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 #309: *Come, Great God of All the Ages* (seated)

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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Erasing the Borders* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

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 #542: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: "Blessed Assurance" Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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