

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

July 28, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Beside the Still Waters* - John Turner

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Peace* - Bob Burroughs

Welcoming Song #402: *How Lovely, Lord (Psalm 84)* *v. 1*

Call to Worship:

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**For you uphold all who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.**

All look to you; you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living
thing.**

We lift our hearts and hands in thanks to you.

Prayer of the Day:

**God who provides, we proclaim that your power, at work
within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than
all we can ask or imagine. Where we see scraps, you
envision a feast; when we fret about scarcity, you set a
table of abundance. In a society based on consuming and
owning, teach us the way of receiving instead of taking and
the path of gratitude instead of grumbling. Guide us in
generosity towards those in our neighborhoods and
around the globe who lack basic necessities or struggle in**

poverty and famine. This we pray through Christ, who fills us with love that surpasses all knowledge, Amen.

Hymn #: 270 O Lord, You Are My God and King (please stand)

Call to Confession

When we stay silent, when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away.

Our guilt turns into shame that eats away at us like a poison.

God calls us to repent and be healed;

Let us turn to God in prayer;

Prayer of Confession

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.

Declaration of Pardon

Be glad in the Lord!

Rejoice!

God does not count our sins against us, but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

Thanks be to 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

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

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

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

(Brief silence)

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of Spirit for loving service.

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

We pray as 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 #353: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Merciful God, your Word is our way of truth and life. Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit within us, so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Lesson: John 6:1-21

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Loaves and Fish* Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith: *From the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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 #69: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Praise Him! Praise Him!* - Cindy Berry

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