

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

August 11, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *My Song Is Love Unknown* - Tracey Craig
McKibben

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* - Stan Bethel

Welcoming Song #12: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, v. 1

Call to Worship:

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

Hear our voices!

We wait for you;

in your word we hope.

O magnify our God with me.

Let us lift God's name together,

for we sought the Holy One and they answered us;

God delivered us from all fear.

Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #12: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* v. 2-4 (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 #583: *Gloria, Gloria* (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.

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need

(brief silence)

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Holy God, holy 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 #267: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (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: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Food for the Journey* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: From Theological Declaration of Barmen

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #709: *God, We Honor You*

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 #757: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *With Joyful Hearts* - Faye Lopez

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