

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Arioso* – Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *The Love of God* – Jason W. Krug

Welcoming Song #41: *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* v.1

Call to Worship:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God, most gracious host.

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the household of God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest at your table of grace, O homemaking God.

Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to you, the living God.

Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Hymn #23: *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* (please stand)

Call to Confession

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image.

Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station, more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the judgment.

But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #583: *Gloria, Gloria (please stand)*

Hymn #407: *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*, vv. 1-3

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)

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God, in the name of your Son, 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 #41: *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* vv. 2-4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel Lesson: John 6:56-69

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Don't Fear the Truth* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: *1 Corinthians 15 & Revelation 22:13*

This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ

died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that he appeared to the women, to Cephas and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #648: *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

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 #546: *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *March* – Arr. By David Paxton

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