

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Thank You Jesus for the Blood* – arr. James Koerts

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Peaceful Piano #22* – Mark Hayes

Call to Worship:

God gathers us together in this place.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God lifts the downtrodden and casts out wickedness.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

Let us pray:

Prayer of the Day:

Restoring God, teach us to steal away and pray. We give thanks that you continue to heal. You continue to cast out those things we ought not have in us. Help us to perceive what you are doing among us, that we might learn your voice among the many that call for our loyalty and be better equipped to do the work you have for us. Restore us to community and show us how to live in gratitude, freed from the bondage of sin. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #336: *We Gather Together* (Please Stand)

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

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.

Communion Hymn#530: *One Bread, One Body*

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south, from east and west, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God. We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin. We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to

his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

Let us 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

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.
Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and never thirst.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Prayer After Communion

**Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are
Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit
of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Sending Hymn #762: *When the Poor Ones* (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Halle, Halle Doxology* – Pepper Choplin

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