

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**

**Worship Service for Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*September 29, 2024*

**Pre-Service Music:**    *Love* – Ruth Elaine Schram

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:**        *Unfailing Love* – Wanda J. Cooley

**Introit:**            *Come Unto Us*    Karen Marroli            Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship:**

We gather in this place

**seeking to live in faithful community and asking God to guide us.**

Lord, revive our souls,

**that we might lift each other up.**

Lord, revive our souls,

**that we might order our communities in ways that lead us toward love.**

Lord, revive our souls!

**Let us worship God!**

**Prayer of the Day:**

**Loving God, give us each wisdom to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth.**

**May those in positions of power use their influence for the benefit of all. May those with the knowledge to heal**

**give freely of their gifts. May those with imagination work to enact justice. May we all join in telling the world of your work among us. Amen.**

**Hymn #667:**    *When Morning Gilds the Skies*                    (stand)

### **Call to Confession**

God's law is right and just,  
**offering us wisdom and enlightenment.**

Yet we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives and persist in our own ways.

**In humility, let us confess our sins.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of the law and the prophets, We do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.  
Amen**

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love;  
God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God for such graciousness!**

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)

**Anthem:** *Speak, O Lord* Getty and Townend arr. John Ferguson

**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.*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*(brief silence)*

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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 #469:** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (seated)

*Sing through two times.*

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and**

**obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Numbers 11:4 - 6, 10 - 16, 24 - 29

**Epistle Lesson:** James 5:13 - 20

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 9:38 - 50.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**

Susan Murray

**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles Creed (please stand)

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings** (please be seated)

**Offertory Hymn #716:** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Let us pray:

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Sending Hymn #804:** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart v. 1, 2, 3, 5* (stand)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

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

**Postlude:** *Recessional* – Terry Osman

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