

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Since I Have Been Redeemed* - Mary McDonald

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Peaceful Piano #13* – Mark Hayes

Introit: *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Chancel Choir

Call to Worship:

We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly,
with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between
our words and our actions.**

Prayer of the Day:

**All-knowing God, when we consider the vastness of your
works, it can be easy to feel insignificant.**

**When we think about the abundance of your love,
it can feel as though we do not have enough to offer.**

**Release us from our shame and the comparisons
and judgments that weigh us down. Free us from our
insistence on scarcity, that we might discover your infinite
grace among us and within us. Amen.**

Hymn #645: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (stand)

Call to Confession:

Jesus eagerly embraces anyone with a repentant heart.

Let us come before Christ and offer ourselves in earnest confession.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess that we cannot see your image in each and every one of our neighbors. We call each other “sinner”; you call us by our names. We misjudge one another, we underestimate ourselves, and we undervalue creation. Pardon us, Holy One, by your grace. Reveal to us your vision for the world that we may see all people through eyes of care and hearts of compassion. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon:

This is what God’s love is like: You are forgiven before asking. You are saved without condition. You are loved beyond measure.

Rejoice in the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #583: *Glory to God* *(please stand)*

Anthem: *Blessed Assurance* arr. Dale Grotenhuis

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.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

(brief silence)

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now, and forever. We pray this in the name of Jesus your Son, 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 #720: *Jesus Calls Us* (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: Amos 5:6,7, 10 - 15

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4:12 - 16

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17 - 31

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Repentance and Reconciliation* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Basis for the Uniting Church in Australia (please stand)

We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love, maker of all things.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, the firstborn of a new creation.

We believe in God's eternal Spirit, pledge and foretaste of the future, given that we may not lose the way, who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts.

We are a pilgrim people on the way to the promised goal. On this way, we are called to live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. In this unity, we offer our worship, witness and service and receive one another in love and joy.

We are being led to the free obedience of the children of God, and so we look with yearning and hope to the final reconciliation of humanity with God, and the renewal of all creation.

Alleluia. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

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 #372: *O for a World* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: adapted from Psalm 90: 12 – 17

(remain standing)

Teach us to number our days so we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Let the favor of the Lord be upon us and establish
the work of our hands.

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

Postlude: *Praise Him! Praise Him!* – Jeff Bennett

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