

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *An Autumn Prayer* – Andy Muskrat

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Faith* – Mark Hayes

Introit: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Chancel Choir

Call to Worship:

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths;

let us gather in wonder before them.

Prayer of the Day:

No one can compare to you, O God.

Human language cannot fully describe you.

Still, you became human,

and with words we could understand

you called us to serve one another

and showed us love even to death.

Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith,

that we may all, in our own ways,

offer ourselves to one another. Amen.

Hymn #327: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (stand)

Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The good news remains true:

**God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

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: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Philip Stopford

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)

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless the presbytery, pastors, elders, and deacons, with humble wisdom, and ground them in your 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 #30: *O God, in a Mysterious Way* (seated)

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: Isaiah 53:4 – 12

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:1 – 10

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35 – 45

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Righteous King of Peace

Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally gotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:

(please be seated)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good 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 #727: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant v. 1,2, 3, 5*
(stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: *Faith is the Victory* – Cindy Berry

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