

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for World Communion Sunday

Oct. 6, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Allegro* – Henry Heron

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Andante* – Arcangelo Correlli

Introit #21: *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works* Choir

Call to Worship:

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

**Our creator promised from the beginning
that we would not be alone.**

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

**Our redeemer proclaimed
that everyone is welcome.**

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our sustainer speaks to us still.

Prayer of the Day: *“A non-traditional blessing” by Sister Ruth Fox*

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north, to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace. This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us. We praise God's name! Amen!

Hymn #515: *I Come with Joy* (please stand)

Call to Confession:

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.

In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.

In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Declaration of Pardon:

God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ, through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to sow seeds of peace to those who are near and far. Amen.

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: *Grace Alone* Brown and Nelson arr. Molly Ijames

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People:

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

In Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Offering #711: *Lord of All Good* v. 1, 3

Prayer for Dedication:

God of Peace, we commit our offering this day to you and to the way of peace you showed us in the person of Jesus. Thank you for the opportunity to give back a portion of what you have given to us. Help us continue to sow seeds of peace every day as we work to bring about your reign of love in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Centering Hymn #711: *Lord of All Good v. 2* (seated)

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:18 - 24

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 1:1 – 4, 2:5 – 12

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:2 - 16

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *One Body* Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn of Preparation #500:

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread.

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving:

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

God-planted seeds now germinate
A tree of life, an orchard bearing fruit
Such is nature, abundant life budding,
And Jesus sets the table, invites us to dine.

**Water into wine, land where bread is born,
A people on the path of perfect communion.**

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

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain, Verse 4, Refrain

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn #679: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Minuet* – John Dixon

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