

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for All Saints Sunday**

Nov. 3, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *The Lone, Wild Bird* – Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Peace Be with You* – Daniel E. Gawthrop

Introit: *Rejoice in God's Saints* Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Enter God's presence, you who yearn for the day
when death is no more.

From age to age, God is with us.

Enter God's presence, you who are filled with hope
and you who find it hard to hope.

From age to age, God is with us. Let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

God of the generations, on this day, we remember the ancestors of our faith and of our own families and communities. May the roots of their love and wisdom continue to nurture us as we grow, that the branches of this community might provide shade for generations to come. Surround those for whom grief still feels fresh and those who live with grief as part of daily life. May we remember the promise of the resurrection and look to the future with hope. Amen.

Opening Hymn 81: *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken.* (stand)

Call to Confession

The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ extends from generation to generation, keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting.

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have marked well the path of faith, following in that way is hard for us. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven, and saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust in that grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The hope to which we are called is the glorious inheritance of all the saints, the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Anthem: *Remember Me* R. Kevin Boesiger

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

Prayers of the People/Recognition of Those Who have Died

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you: *a bell will toll after each name is read*

Liz Stottlemyre

DC Look

Bob May

Karen Read

Jean Day

Freddi Zobrist

Betty Pietsch

Eugene Zanders

Katherine Cook

Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Doxology #606: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #451: *Open My Eyes, That I May See* vs. 1, 2 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6 – 9

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1 – 6a

Gospel Lesson: John 11:32 - 44

Sermon

The Story of Lazarus

Susan Murray

Communion Hymn #516: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*
v. 1, 2 and 3 (seated)

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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!

... 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.**

**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)*

Communion Hymn #516: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*
Verse 4.

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sending Hymn #326: *For All the Saints*

Closing Prayer for Responsible Citizenship

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, bless you now and forever.

Go in Peace, Live in Love, **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude: *A Joyful Trumpet* – Patricia Lou Harris

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