

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Let All Things Now Living* – Darcy Stanley

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Unfailing Love* – Wanda J. Cooley

Introit: *I'll Praise My Maker* Psalm 146 Chancel Choir

Call to Worship:

As we gather for worship,

let us offer praise to God.

As we join voices and hearts,

we learn the importance of each one of us.

As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,

we learn that our whole is more than its parts.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day:

Giving God, as we share what we have, seeking to further your work in this world, remind us that abundance does not always mean extravagance and that humble offerings are holy. Whether we offer a grand gesture, a simple meal, or two small coins, lead us in the way of generosity. Amen.

Hymn #363: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

(stand)

Call to Confession

Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works.

Our hope is in God. But we do not always keep God's commandments.

Let us confess our sins before our merciful and mighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive.

Declaration of Pardon

All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.

We proclaim that God is great because of this good news: we are forgiven!

Be at peace.

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:

O Sing a New Song to the Lord

Michael Bedford

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.

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

(brief silence)

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our presbytery, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders.

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, 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 #36: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 17: 8 – 16

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 9:24 – 28

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:38 - 44.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Vessels of God's Love* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5 - 11 (please stand)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #714: *God of the Fertile Fields* vs. 1 and 2

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 that they may be used to your glory in this place. Help us to share your gifts with all those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* – Cindy Berry

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