

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for 26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* – Craig Curry

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Reflection* – Mark Hayes

Introit #788: *To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes* Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify your holy name!

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn #694: *Great God of Every Blessing* (stand)

Call to Confession

As children of God, we come to God in our joys, in our sorrows,
in our fears, and in our guilt.

**Knowing that God loves us and embraces us,
let us bring our confessions to God.**

Prayer of Confession

**God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You
bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and
yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts,
instead of following you and sharing with those in need.
We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive
us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be
returned in service to you.**

Declaration of Pardon

God has destined us not for wrath, but for salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that we may live with him.

Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #581: *Glory Be to the Father* (please stand)

Anthem: *Seek to Serve* Lloyd Pfautsch

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, the church, and all of creation.

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth.

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 #697:

Take My Life

(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: Proverbs 31:10 – 31

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:11 – 14, 19 – 25.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14 – 30 .

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Image of the Master* Rev. Frank LeBlanc

Affirmation of Faith: Prayer for Listening and Speaking First Presbyterian Rolla
(please stand)

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #697: *Take My Life* vs. 4 and 6

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 #643: *Now Thank We All Our God*_(stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

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

Postlude: *There Is a Happy Land* – C.E. Walz

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