

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *The Love of God* – Marty Parks

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Worthy* – Todd Beaney

Introit #743: *O God, You Are My God* Psalm 1 Chancel
Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

whose confidence is in God.

They will be like a tree planted by the water,

sending out roots by the stream.

This tree does not fear when heat comes;

its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

So come, let us place our trust in God!

Let us live in blessed faith together!

Prayer of the Day

God of holy instruction, we thank you that throughout the generations, you have taught us how to live. You do not leave us without guidance; you show us the path to

life and fruitfulness. Help us this day as we gather again to delight in your sacred gift of instruction. Grant us humility of heart and softness of will, that we might live in the fullness of your blessing this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn #65: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
(stand)

Call to Confession

We wander and stray, but God continues to reach out to us with mercy and love. Let us make our confession and receive God's welcome.

Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The waters of grace refresh our lives and bring forth a new creation. 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 #583: *Glory to God* (stand)

Anthem: *Seek Ye First* Lafferty arr. John F. Wilson

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.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. We join together in the prayer that Jesus taught his followers 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 #773: *Heaven Shall Not Wait* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17 - 26

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *In Whom Do You Trust?*

Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third

day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering Hymn #697: *Take My Life* vs. 1 and 4

Prayer of Dedication: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this town. We ask this through your son, our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

Sending Hymn #353: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
(stand)

Charge and Benediction: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

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

Postlude: *Marvelous and Amazing* – Tracey Craig McKibben

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