

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Duo – Guillaume Lasceux*

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Andantino – Cesar Franck*

Introit #721: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*
Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,
with new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.

In your call toward deep waters,
grant us faith.

In your command not to fear,
grant us courage.

In your invitation to follow,
grant us surrender.

Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,
that we might travel with you in the way of miracle.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day (from Luke 4)

God who calls through the generations, you have always been inviting your people to join you in your holy work. Thank you for calling us to live as prophets and priests. Thank you for calling us to live as disciples and friends. Grant us attention, that we might hear your call this day, and grant us courage, that we might answer yes, bearing witness to resurrection power in a world that so desperately needs it. Amen.

Opening Hymn #1: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Call to Confession

I am handing on to you as of first importance what I in turn have received: that Christ died for our sins. Trusting in the promise of the gospel, let us make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Not even death can separate us from God's love. 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: *He Leadeth Me* Benjamin Harlan

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.

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all.

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

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering Hymn #694: *Great God of Every Blessing*

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

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Sending Hymn #295: *Go to the World!* (stand)

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

(remain standing)

The peace of God be in your heart
The grace of God be in your words
The love of God be in your hands
The joy of God be in your soul
and in the song that your life sings.

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

Postlude: *Fugato* – C.F. van Meert

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