

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service on Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

Welcome

Prelude: *Kneeling at the Altar* – Sabrina Brem

Call to Worship (from Mark 4)

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,
which is the smallest of seeds on earth;
**it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs,
and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**
Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.
Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

Opening Hymn #263: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Call to Confession

When we gather to worship God,
we remember that we are God's people,
but we have often preferred our way instead of God's.
Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith
can produce great work in your kingdom.
Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness,
for we walk by sight and not by faith.
Forgive us, Lord;
we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.
We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.
We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.
Renew us with the love of Christ
so that we live no longer for ourselves,
but for Christ who became the seed of your
righteousness in us. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news—
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

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

Special Music: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: I Can Do It, I Know How

Affirmation of Faith (from Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Closing Hymn #817: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

Benediction

Postlude: Rondeau – David Lasky

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music performed by Lorie Francis and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley.

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