

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service on Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.

God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in the truth and set us free to rejoice over the great mystery you have revealed: through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #664: *Morning Has Broken/Baptized in Water* (please stand)

Verses: 1 & 3

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Call to Confession

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless.

The riches of God's grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses.

Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives
just loud enough to drown out your call.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days
just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse.**

(time for personal silent reflection and confession)

We know that You work for the healing of all that is broken in the world.

**Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace.
Forgive us O Lord, and free us to try again.**

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

According to the riches of His grace which God has lavished upon us and sealed for us by the promised Holy Spirit, hear this good news;

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Time for sharing of concerns and prayer list.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Mighty God, raise up prophets in every age who speak truth through and to your church. Inspire preaching in our congregations so that your life-giving gospel is proclaimed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send favorable weather on crops, fields, orchards, and gardens. Provide ample pasture and grazing land for herds and flocks. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give us leaders who consider the needs of all, especially those who have no advocate. Protect those who speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Tend to all victims of violence and persecution, those unjustly imprisoned, and those who are running out of hope. Heal those who are sick, comfort those who grieve, pour out your grace on all those we name in our hearts this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Strengthen families, guide parents and caregivers, and enfold children with the riches of your grace. Send us out to share the gifts of love we have received. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus 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

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the living God, open our hearts and minds to receive your Word of truth in the song, scripture, and gospel of salvation, so that we can faithfully follow and joyfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is in His name that we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn: #364 *Lift Up the Gates Eternal* Psalm 24 (remain seated)

Leader will sing the verses. **All** sing the refrain.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Inheriting the Kin-dom of God

Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith excerpted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (please stand)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn #35: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (please stand)

Benediction (stay standing)

Go in peace, serve the Lord. (*officiant can substitute their own words of benediction*)

Postlude: (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music performed by William Owen, Mary Kwantes and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Jonathan Kimball and Carol Bennett.

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