

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Come Into His Presence* - Lynn Baird

Welcome and Announcements

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be participating in the CHRISTMAS IN JULY for GRACE. These will be used in the GRACE for Christmas gifts. Our church has been asked to provide toys for children from birth to 3 years. Little ones need stimulation and education toys as well as fun ones. There is a box in the back of the church for donation. Thank you in advance.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is also asking for donations of 24 pack Crayola crayons (yellow and green box) during the month of July. These crayons will be used for the Back to School Fair being held on August 2. The last day we will be collecting is July 30. We have been able to donate 500+ boxes in the past and hope to again this year. Thank you in advance.

We have been invited to attend a Southern Gospel concert by the Abundance Quartet at First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View on August 6. We will meet at the church at 2 pm to carpool down together. Contact Jonathan Kimball if you would like to attend or want more information.

Prelude: *Give Thanks* - Henry Smith

Welcoming Song #401: *Here in This Place* vs. 1

Call to Worship

Let us offer our praise to God, for we come to learn God's ways:

**O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path;
we lift our hearts to you as we seek to worship, adore, and follow you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By our Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #264: *At the Name of Jesus* (please stand)

Call to Confession

As much as we try not to stray: we do. As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.

As we continue on this journey, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.” “We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

There is no condemnation for us:

God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.

The Spirit of God dwells within us.

Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #582: *(please stand)*

Hymn of the Day #407: *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Guide your church, O God, to sow the seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, 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

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Jonathan Kimball and Randy Glancy. Worship led by Cheryl Koederitz and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball .

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