

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Second Sunday after Epiphany
Jan. 14, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - Jason W. Drug

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *The Lord's My Shepherd* - Tracey Craig McKibben

Introit #302: *When Hands Reach Out* (Psalm 139) vs. 4 and 5

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.

We come listening for God's voice.

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

We come listening for God's voice.

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

We come listening for God's voice.

We come to this place to listen and follow.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Great God, today we meet your mystery in the form of Jesus Christ. We believe you, God, and we believe Jesus to be the Messiah; but even when we do not believe, when we are distracted and unaware, we know that Christ calls us still. Help us to recognize your voice among us and give us the strength to go where we are called, that we may learn, O God, what it means to follow with open hearts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn #610: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (stand)

Call to Confession

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus, this Son of God.

We may be tempted to stay away, for we know we are not worthy of him.

Jesus does not care about worth, wealth and power.

Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly, willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God.

In that spirit, let us turn to Christ in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.

**The Lamb of God takes away the sins of each and every one of us.
Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins. Alleluia!**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #581: *Glory Be to the Father* *(please stand)*

Anthem: *Catch the Vision! Share the Glory!* Vajda/Jeffrey

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.

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach brings hope and healing to communities.

God of grace. **Receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of Jesus Christ 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

Hymn #414: *Be Still and Know That I Am God* 3 times (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *God's Dream Team* Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation of Faith from The United Church of Canada (stand)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (stand)

Offering #708: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* vs 1 and 2

Prayer of Dedication:

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen

Sending Hymn #546: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (stand)

Charge and Benediction:

God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
bless you and remain with you always.

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

Postlude: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* - Marty Parks

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