

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Pentecost

June 8, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *We Gather Together* – Darcy Stanley

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Peaceful Piano #9 in G Major* – Mark Hayes

Introit #284: *Holy Spirit, Come to Us* Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day (Psalm 104)

O Lord, our God, you are very great.

**You are clothed in glory and majesty,
wrapped in a robe of light.**

You set the earth on its foundations, never to be shaken.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live.

Let us sing praises to God our whole life long.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! How grateful we are, O
God, that you have poured out your Spirit upon us.
The arrival of the Advocate that Christ promised is
yet another sign of your unending love. Seep into
our hearts, Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to the reality
of your presence. In you, we have been given all that
we could ever need. Praise be to God for all these
good gifts! Amen.**

Opening Hymn #289 *On Pentecost They Gathered* (stand)

Call to Confession

The promise of Pentecost lies in the relentless, irresistible activity of God, whose Spirit comes among us with power and grace.

God refuses to leave us alone but rather keeps showing up with mercy and love.

In confidence, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Pardon

The Holy Spirit animates our lives, lifting us into the presence of Christ, and sealing our hearts in the promise of his faithful 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

Glory to God #583:

Anthem: *O Thou Who Camest From Above* Stopford/Wesley

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all of those in need.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge.

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

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

Hymn #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* vs. 2 & 3 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

First Lesson: Acts 2:1 – 21

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Lesson: John 14:8 – 17

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Life Transformation by the Holy Spirit* Ming Leu

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #709: *God, We Honor You*

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

**Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of
our money and our lives, that we might make a
difference in this town. We ask this through your
son, our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was
that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.**

Sending Hymn #290: *O Day of Joy and Wonder!* (stand)

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

(remain standing)

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

Choral Benediction: *Go Ye Now in Peace* Joyce Elaine Eilers

Postlude: *The Morning Trumpet* – Tracey Craig McKibben

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