

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

Pre-Service Music: Down to the River to Pray – Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love – Mark Hayes

Welcoming Song #386: *Come Worship God* v. 1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

God hears our cries and restores our troubled souls.

We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

God nurses and comforts us until our hearts are strong like mountains.

We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

God's love sustains us to flourishing.

**We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!
Let us worship God!**

Prayer of the Day

You are the God who makes miracles, the one who turns the sea into dry land, mourning into dancing, enemies into friends, and empires into dust. You ask the simple things from us: to eat each other's foods and enjoy each other's company. You ask the hard things from us: to love one another, embrace our differences, and seek forgiveness. Transform us to find hope where there is despair and passion where there is apathy. Give us trust in your abundance and grant us patience when we see only

scarcity, that we might answer your call to be laborers in the fields you are sowing. Amen.

Opening Hymn #54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

Call to Confession

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way.

But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation.

Let us seek God's forgiveness,

so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

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:

Hymn of the Day #754: *Help Us Accept Each Other* vs. 1,2,4

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

Prayers of the People

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Doxology #606: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #386: *Come Worship God* v. 3, 4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 66:10 – 14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1 – 11, 16 – 20

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 6:1-16

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Do Not Grow Weary* Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn #526: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin.

We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us 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**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Instrumental Offering: Communion Meditation – R.

Christopher Teichler

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Instrumental Offering: In Remembrance – R. Christopher

Teichler

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Sending Hymn #296: *Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

Benediction John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

Go in Peace, Live in Love, **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude: Halle, Halle Doxology – Pepper Choplin

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