

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 20, 2025

**Pre-Service Music:** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Marianne Kim

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Peaceful Piano #4 in a minor* – Mark Hayes

**Welcoming Song #403:** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* vs. 1

**Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day**

In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**Through Christ God reconciled all things to Godself.**

In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.

**We are Christ's body, eager to serve.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God of the unimaginable, you come to us as the hungry visitor in need of shelter and the woman sitting at your feet, craving to learn more. You make yourself at home among us, learning our names and our stories, dwelling with us wherever we lay our head, and making miracles out of the mundane and saints out of the ordinary. Thank you for showing up in the holy spaces and the unexpected places. May we show up in this world like you. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #12:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
(stand) vs. 1,2,3

## **Call to Confession**

In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

**Trusting in Christ, let us seek God's forgiveness.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own. You choose us, yet we choose worry. You attend to us, yet we attend to our work. Forgive us, gentle Teacher. Call us by name and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our purpose, and our hope.**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! By his body and his cross, Jesus reconciles all who were once estranged. Christ in you is the glory of God. Believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

**Hymn of the Day #732:** *Rejoice in God's Saints* v. 1, 2, 3

**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.*

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Inspire your church like Sarah, and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and

teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known.

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

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Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, 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 #403** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* vs. 2 and 3  
(seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 18:1 – 10a

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 1:11 - 28

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 10: 38 - 42

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *Firstborn From the Dead* Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith:** From The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968

**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:** (please be seated)

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

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

**We bring you only what is yours, Creator God, that you might use this offering and the giver for the building up of your kingdom and the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #547:** *Go, My Children with My Blessing*  
(stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** John Birch-www.faithandworship.com  
(remain standing)

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

**Postlude:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* – Arrg. Jay Rouse

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