

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Open My Eyes, That I May See* –
Bob Burroughs

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Impromptu* – Johnathan Kana

Welcoming Song #728: *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door* v1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
God's glory will dwell in our land.

Let us hear what God will speak!

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other;
faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

Let us hear what God will speak!

God will speak peace to God's people,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Let us hear what God will speak!

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, who are we but dust and ashes to pray on behalf of our hurting world and our wounded souls? And yet you answer on the day we call. Today we search and knock. We pray for deliverance for all those suffering under the wrath of war and violence, all those experiencing illness and famine, and all those who oppress and are oppressed. Teach us to pray, that we may know of your steadfast love and be assured of your faithfulness, for we know you

**will fulfill your purpose for the whole creation.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn #643 *Now Thank We All Our God* (stand)

Call to Confession

God's salvation is at hand, that God's glory may dwell in us.

**Turning towards God, let us confess the ways we
have sinned.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, We humbly confess that we have
fallen short of who you call us to be. We seek peace
and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those
around us. We live our lives in ways that bring chaos
and calamity to our neighbors. Cleanse us from sin
and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning
to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of
creation.**

Declaration of Pardon

Beloved, God has forgiven all of your trespasses. You are
alive together with God. Know that you are forgiven and be
at peace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God* (please stand)

Hymn of the Day #175: *Seek Ye First*

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.

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you.

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

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 #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* vs. 1

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:20 – 32

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 2:6 - 15

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11: 1 - 13

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Someone Is Knocking* Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith: Prayer for Listening and Speaking
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In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

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: *I'll Fly Away* words/music Albert E. Brumley

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

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

Postlude: *Love Lifted Me* – Jina Park

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