

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**

**Worship Service for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 3, 2025

**Pre-Service Music:** *Invitation of Renewal* – Patti Drennan

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Faithful* – Todd Beaney

**Welcoming Song #612:** *We Praise You, O God* vs. 1

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

Gathered in from many lands,

**we come from east and west, from north and south.**

Some of us have wandered through deserts.

**Some of us are hungry and thirsty.**

But the Holy One heard our pleas

**and has delivered us from our distress.**

So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of Justice, we gather from all corners of the world knowing that you have made a new world possible even as we hold on to the old world. We pray for those in places where greed and evil still reign, for those who are still full of anger and wrath for those who still act with malice, for those who still use abusive language, for those who still lie to others, and for those who hoard treasures on earth. We pray with the knowledge that sometimes, this is us. Don't give us up now. Clothe us with a new self-**

**according to your image so that one day there will be no more divisions among us. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #612** *We Praise You, O God.*

**Call to Confession**

Praise is on our lips, but in our hearts we know how far we have fallen from the glory of God.

**Yet God meets us in our sin, picks us up, and promises forgiveness.**

Let us make our confession

**and open ourselves to God's mercy.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Faithful God, We confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving other gods. We speak lies, accept lies, live lies, destroying others and ourselves along the way. Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you. Embolden our trust in your faithfulness and settle your truth in our hearts.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Beyond the cross, beyond the grave, beyond our sin,**

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**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 #847:** *Our Hope, Our Life* Psalm 49

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

**Prayers of the People**

*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.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world is revealed to everyone.

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

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Trusting in your loving kindness , we place our prayer and hope in you. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings** (please stand)

**Offering #710:** *We are an Offering*

**Prayer of Dedication and Illumination:**

**Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus. As we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 3:1-11

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 12:13 – 21

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**

Susan Murray

**Communion Hymn #515:** *I Come with Joy* v 1, 2

**Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
People will come from north and south, from east and west,  
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

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**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

## **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 #515:** *I Come with Joy* v. 3, 4, and 5.

**Benediction** John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

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

**Postlude:** *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* – Arr. by Wally Mayo

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