

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Serenity* – John Turner

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* – Mark Hayes

Welcoming Song #403: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* v1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The Mighty One has delivered our souls from death.

In God our hearts are glad!

The Mighty One has fashioned all our hearts.

In God our hearts are glad!

The Mighty One is our help and shield.

In God our hearts are glad!

Let us worship the one in whom we trust.

Let us worship the one in whom we hope!!

Prayer of the Day

Steadfast God, we come with faith, with conviction of things not seen, yet we worry we may be getting it all wrong. And you whisper in our ear, “Do not be afraid, little flock.” You ask us to cease doing evil, to stop our meaningless rituals and turn toward your ways. And you whisper in our ear, “Do not be afraid, little flock.”

We want to do good and seek justice, but we are afraid of failing. And you whisper in our ear, “Do not be afraid, little flock.” We want to trust that you will bring forth life from the desert places in our lives, but we are scared of being brokenhearted. And you whisper in our ear, “Do not be afraid, little flock.” Center our hearts in you, that we may find our treasure and the courage to live into it. Amen.

Opening Hymn #362 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (stand)

Call to Confession

God calls us to walk in faith, but we do not always follow.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, but we waver. They believed your promise, but we cling to our own ideas. Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Declaration of Pardon

From age to age, from generation to generation, God’s mercy never fails. Hear 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 #583: *Glory to God* (please stand)

Hymn of the Day #684: *Faith Begins By Letting Go*

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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, our people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world.

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 #403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* v. 3

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #697: *Take My Life* vs. 1 and 4.

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: *I've Got the Joy* – R. Kevin Boesiger

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