

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

August 17, 2025

**Pre-Service Music:** *Great Are You, Lord* - Arr. by James Koerts

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Grateful* - Mark Hayes

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

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

In a world where lies surround us,

**your word is like fire, God nearby!**

In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

**your word is like fire, God nearby!**

In a world where words don't have meaning,

**your word is like fire, God nearby!**

We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

**We are here to worship the God who is nearby!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of the ages, when we face raging fires and imprisoning chains, give us the faith of our ancestors. When we encounter the edge of violence, give us the faith of our ancestors. When we are persecuted and tormented by the evils of this world, give us the faith of our ancestors. When we have to go about in disguise because we can't be ourselves, give us the faith of our ancestors. When we wander in deserts and mountains and hide in caves and holes in the ground, give us the faith of our ancestors. Even when we know we may not see the**

**fruit of our labor, even if we can't reach the promised land, give us the faith of our ancestors. We give thanks that perseverance will one day bear fruit, that we don't run this race alone, and that our ancestors go with us now and always. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #846**    *Fight the Good Fight*    (stand)

**Call to Confession**

Gathered before the throne of God's infinite mercy, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, confessing our need for grace. Let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities. In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom. 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 #581:**            *Glory Be to the Father*            (please stand)

**Hymn of the Day #29:** *O God You Have Searched Me* vs. 1, 3, 4, and 5.

**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.*

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Raise up faithful leaders for our church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion 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 #711** *Lord of All Good*

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 23:23 – 39

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 12: 49 - 56

**Epistle Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 9:5-12

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *Faith in Generosity* Mary Kwantes

**Affirmation of Faith** – from FaithandWorship.com

**You call us to service,  
to be your eyes and ears,  
hands and voice in this your world.**

**To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love  
which you create, but also to the injustice, hate and  
suffering that humanity generates.**

**To open our ears not only to the chattering of this  
coming week, but also to the searching, fears and  
questioning of all whom we shall meet.**

**To open our hands not only to those we choose our  
lives to share, but also in welcome, love and  
fellowship to all who you draw near.**

**To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and  
simple words, but also to speak the truths you lay  
upon our hearts Your Word for this your world.**

**You call us to service,  
to be your eyes and ears,  
hands and voice in this your world.**

**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

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #817:** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight.*

(stand)

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

(remain standing)

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

**Postlude:** *Joyful Day* - Mark Hayes

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