

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *How Firm a Foundation* - John Purifoy

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *I Am Thine, O Lord* - Arr. Todd Beaney

Welcoming Song #619: *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*
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Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

O Consuming Fire, you spark awe and joy with the work of your hands and the power of your deeds.

You give us an unshakable kin-dom in this ever-shaking world.

So we give thanks and worship you with reverence and awe.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

God our rock and fortress, the task is daunting: remove the yoke, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil from among us. So we proclaim: You are my rock and my fortress! The work is hard: offer food to the hungry, satisfy the needs of the afflicted. So we sing out: You are my rock and my fortress! You crown us with steadfast love and mercy and work justice for all who are oppressed. You show us that we don't have excuses because you have given us the right words, the right actions.

**So we remember: You are my rock and my fortress!
Give us refuge and guide us, Satisfy our needs and
send us out to spread your message and do your
will, that we may be like a watered garden, repairers
of the breach, restorers of streets. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* vs. 2,
3, and 4 (stand)

Call to Confession

In faith and in hope, turning to the rock of our salvation, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

O God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives. We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect the needs of others. In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us. Turn us to your way and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation.

Declaration of Pardon

The Lord is our hope and our trust, our light and salvation. 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 #583: *Glory to God* (please stand)

Hymn of the Day #442: *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

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.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to church leadership, presbytery councils, staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society.

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

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 #183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* vs. 1, 3, and 4.

Prayer for Illumination:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and follow your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b – 14

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:18 - 29

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13: 10 - 17

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *That's Not How We Do Things Around Here*

Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla

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 Are an Offering*

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

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this town. We ask this through your son, our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

Sending Hymn #79: *Light Dawns on a Weary World..*

(stand)

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

(remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* - Mark Hayes

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