

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Pre-Service Music:

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude:

Welcoming Song #396: *Brethren We Have Met to Worship*
v1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who delight in God's commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.

It is well with those who live in justice.

Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

Let us praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Lord of Hosts, King of Kings, you sit in the place of honor. We pray that we might have a seat near you today, not to boost our egos or build ourselves up, but so that we might draw closer to the hopes you have for us, so that we might gain understanding of the kin-dom you desire. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #56 *Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength*
(stand)

Call to Confession

We turn away from God, often not knowing any better.

Yet God keeps inviting us and keeps reaching to us in love.

In penitence and faith, let us turn towards God and seek forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Declaration of Pardon

With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole.

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

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.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace.

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 #186 *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table* vs. 1, 3, and 4.

Prayer for Illumination:

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 25:6 - 7

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1 – 8 , 15-16

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Share the Bounty* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #711: *Lord of All Good* vs. 1 and 3

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

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Sending Hymn #611: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

(stand)

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

(remain standing)

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

Postlude:

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