

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service for the Thirteenth Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

Sept. 7, 2025

**Pre-Service Music:** *I Gave My Life for Thee* - Mark Hayes

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Resting* - J.B. Taylor

**Introit:** *How Happy Are the Saints of God* Psalm 1

Chancel Choir

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

There is good and there is wicked in the world.

**Lord, help us find the good.**

The wicked are perishing. Like chaff, they will not stand before the Lord.

**Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.**

The good is like a tree, planted by streams of sweet water.

**Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.**

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

**Let us meditate upon God's promises from morning into night.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God our Judge, we meditate upon your promises from morning into night. Our delight is in your law. Let goodness yield its fruit in every season, that, like a tree planted by streams of sweet water, we might find the good and live how you intended: free, flourishing, and in peace. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #744** *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

**Call to Confession**

Jesus calls us to follow him, knowing that the path is difficult and that sin lurks at every turn.

**Trusting in God's mercy, let us seek forgiveness, that we may follow more nearly in the way of Jesus.**

Let us make our confession

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

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

Jesus accompanies us on life's journey, offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way.

**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:**

**Anthem:** *For Everyone Born* Murray & Mann arr. Tom Trenney

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

**Prayers of the People**

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.*

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death.

God of grace. **Receive our prayer.**

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We entrust these prayer to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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:** Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20

**Epistle Lesson:** Philemon 1:1-21

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 14:25 – 33

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *At What Cost?* Susan Murray

**Communion Hymn #754:** *Help Us Accept Each Other* vs. 1-3

## Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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**

**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 #536:** *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

**Benediction** John Birch-[www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)

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

**Postlude:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* - Arr. Tom Fettke

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