

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept. 28, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Spirit of God* - Arr. by Tom Fettle

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Search Me, O God* - Arr. by Todd Beaney

Introit #806: *I'll Praise My Maker* Ps. 146 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my fortress; my God,
in whom I trust.**

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free,
opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed
down, watches over those who are estranged,
and upholds the orphan and the widow.

**The Lord loves the righteous,
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

Come, people of God,

**let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,
endurance, and gentleness. Let all generations
praise the Lord!**

Let us pray:

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Lord Most High, Giver of life, Maker of all, we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. So, knowing that alone we have nothing, let us regard those with nothing as our own. Make us instruments of your providence and justice and partners in your process of salvation, which you work for the glory of your name, and that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn #415 *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
(stand)

Call to Confession

Our faith may be small,
but God's power is great.

Our sins may loom large,
but God's promise of forgiveness is sure.

Trusting that God is able to do for us what we could never do for ourselves,

let us make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small. Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Tend to us in mercy, so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love, after the example of Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Pardon

The grace of God is given to us in Jesus Christ.

This is good news!

Peace be with you. **And also with you**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #583

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision* John Rutter

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth.

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

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer, 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 #168: *Within Your Shelter, Loving God* Ps. 91
(seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6 - 19

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19 – 31

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Poor Man Lazarus* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith:

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #709: *God, We Honor You*

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 #765: *May the God of Hope Go with Us* 2x
(stand)

Charge and Benediction: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com
(remain standing)

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

Postlude: *The Morning Trumpet* - Tracey Craig McKibben

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