

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* - Lloyd Larson

Introit #317: *In Christ There Is No East or West* Choir

Call to Worship:

Through desolation and weeping, through bitterness and fear, through anguish and suffering, through destruction and violence, this we will remember:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

So we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in God.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; take delight in the Lord,

Commit your way to the Lord; trust God, who will act.

Prayer of the Day:

God of grace, mercy, and peace, through the trials and tribulations of life, many burdens fill our souls with strife. Instill in us sincere faith and grant us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline, that we may worship with humility and steadfast trust and respond to your holy calling, according to your will.

Hymn #39:
stand)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

(please

Call to Confession:

God promises mercy for all those who repent.

Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Compassionate Christ, you send us to cure the sick, but we blame the sick for their choices. You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high risk pools. You compel us to raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help. In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive us, O Lord. Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation. Enable us to love one another as you love us, that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all people.

Declaration of Pardon:

In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven. Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #583: *Glory to God* (please stand)

Anthem: *As We Gather at Your Table* K. Lee Scott

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

Prayers of the People:

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people, that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough.

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

Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Offering #711: *Lord of All Good* v. 1, 3

Prayer for Dedication:

God of Peace, we commit our offering this day to you and to the way of peace you showed us in the person of Jesus. Thank you for the opportunity to give back a portion of what you have given to us. Help us continue to sow seeds of peace every day as we work to bring about your reign of love in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Centering Hymn #711: *Lord of All Good* v. 2
(seated)

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1 - 4, 2:1 - 4

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1 – 14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:5 – 10

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Faith in Action* Jonathan Kimball

Comm. Anthem: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. B. Ellingboe

Flutist: Erin Parsons

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving:

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

God-planted seeds now germinate.
A tree of life, an orchard bearing fruit
Such is nature, abundant life budding,
And Jesus sets the table, invites us to dine.

**Water into wine, land where bread is born,
A people on the path of perfect communion.**

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!

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

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**

Let us 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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain

Pouring of the Cup

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
Refrain, Verse 5, Refrain

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

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace,
As you go out and sow your own seeds of peace.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all from now
and forevermore. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: *Recessional* - Terry Osman

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