

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 19, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *According to Thy Gracious Word*
Todd Beaney

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Come Away to the Skies* Tracey Craig McKibben

Introit #64: *I Long for Your Commandments* Ps. 119
Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,

so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy and justice, you administer to each according to your grace and not according to what we deserve. Keep from us all evil, the evil we commit and the evil committed by others. Preserve us by your providence, all for the sake of your holy name. Amen.

Opening Hymn #53 *O God, Who Gives us Life* (stand)

Call to Confession

The Word of God, Jesus Christ leads the way to salvation through faith.

In turning to the Lord with humility, and trusting in his love, we confess our sin and the sins of the world.

Prayer of Confession

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.

Prayer for Illumination:

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 32:22 - 31

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1 – 8

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Persistence Through Prayer* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith 1 Tim. 3:16 (Revised Standard Version)

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

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

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 #456: *Listen, God is Calling* (stand)

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

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

Postlude: *Send the Light* Arr. P. Kirk Bullington

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