

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Reformation Sunday

Oct. 26, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *The Faithfulness of God* Tracey Craig
McKibben

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Peaceful Interlude* Teresa Wilhelmi

Introit #402: *How Lovely Lord* Psalm 84 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

You water the furrows of the fields abundantly, the pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear it.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you look with blessing on humble hearts and with mercy on those who serve your heavenly kingdom. Grant us visions of your kingdom and the fortitude to work for it today and every day. Amen.

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

Call to Confession

The God of mercy waits in compassion to show mercy.

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Declaration of Pardon

Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off, God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in.

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: *O God Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Philip Stopford

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

We offer these prayers to you, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 #87: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 14:7 – 10, 19 - 22

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6 – 8, 16 - 18

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9 – 14

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Susan Murray

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 #710: *We Are an Offering*

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 #846: *Fight the Good Fight* (stand)

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

Let the majesty of the Father be the light by which you walk,
the compassion of the Son be the love by which you walk, the
presence of the Spirit be the power by which you walk!

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

Postlude: *When We All Get to Heaven* Mark Hayes

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