

# First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

## Worship Service Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 9, 2025

**Pre-Service Music:** *He Keeps Me Singing* Terry Osman

### **Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Grateful for God's Blessing* Terry Osman

**Introit:** *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice* Psalm 17 Chancel Choir

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

The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

**Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

The Lord has made known his victory; do not to be quickly shaken or alarmed.

**Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

**Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and, through grace, gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**God of grace, you have given us eternal comfort and good hope. You have shown us the glorious splendor of your majesty and the wonder of your works. Join our work with your own, that by the grace in which we trust, we may be brought to the resurrection in which we hope, by the faithfulness of your wondrous love. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #234**    *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*  
(stand)

## **Call to Confession**

In Jesus Christ, God moves towards us with open arms, welcoming our confession, and offering a fresh start.

**Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, You call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Wash us anew. Forgive us again. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where Christ leads. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

Stand firm in the gospel. Stand firm in the goodness and mercy of our God. Stand firm and be refreshed by God's refreshing love.

**This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Glory to God #583**

**Anthem:**     *Grant Unto Us Thy Peace*                   Felix Mendelssohn

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

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Hear us, O God.   **Your mercy is great.**

**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 #409:**     *God is Here!  verses 1, 2, and 4*       (seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:**  Job 19:23 – 27a

**Epistle Lesson:**  2 Thessalonians 2:1 – 5, 13 – 17

**Gospel Lesson:**  Luke 20:27 – 38

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**           *God Is Still Speaking*                   Jonathan Kimball

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that He appeared to the women, to Cephas and then to the twelve. Then He appeared to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:** (please be seated)

**Offering #708:** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* verses 1 and 2

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these, your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #821:** *My Life Flows On* (stand)

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

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

**Postlude:** *Sing Praise to Our Creator* Anthony Giamanco

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