

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 16, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Love* Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *We Are Travelers on a Journey* Mark Hayes

Introit #371: *New Songs of Celebration Render* Psalm 98
Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

I will rejoice and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity;
for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord.
Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Prayer of the Day

**God, source of our salvation, marvelous and mighty,
Nation rises against nation, kingdom against kingdom.
The peoples of the earth suffer earthquakes, famines, and plagues, and we feel betrayed by those we had trusted. So, show yourself to us in these troubled times. Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort into places of brokenness and hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and new earth you have promised, in which we place our trust. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #757 *Today, We All Are Called to be Disciples*
(stand)

Call to Confession

Before we call, God answers us. While we are still speaking, God hears us.

**Let us confess our sin to God, who even now is waiting to say,
“I forgive you.”**

Prayer of Confession

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

God is creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. They shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating: newness of life.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Alleluia! 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: *Alleluia Sing to Jesus* arr. Robert A. Hobby

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 #371: *New Songs of Celebration Render*, verses 2 and 3.
Psalm 98 (seated)

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: Isaiah 65:17-25

Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – 13.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5 – 19

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Dawn in Every Darkness Rev. Frank LeBlanc

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #709: *God, We Honor You*

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 #250: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)* (stand)

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

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

Postlude: *Send the Light*

Charles H. Gabriel

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