

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**

**Worship Service Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Feb. 1, 2026

**Pre-Service Music:** *One Lord, One Body, One Feast* Arr. Lee Dengler

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Jesus Paid It All* Mark Hayes

**Introit: #419:** *Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House* vs. 1  
*Psalm 15*

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

In a world that rewards selfishness,

**it is wise to hoard resources, foolish to share.**

In a world built on violence,

**it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.**

But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

**Greed will not serve us in heaven. Self-preservation will not save us in the end, so we will choose to be foolish; we will choose the way of love. Let us worship God.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Mysterious God, you whose wisdom baffles kings, make us foolhardy enough to dare to live as if peace is truly possible, here and now. Grant us the audacity to seek justice. Give us courage to risk kindness and love recklessly so that, in Jesus' footsteps, and through your Spirit's surprising blessings, we can journey humbly with you all our days. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #630**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

(stand)

## **Call to Confession**

God has told us what is good, what is required: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God. These commands are so simple, yet we know we have not always followed them.

**With that knowledge, we confess our sins before God and each other.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us. Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love.

**We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God!**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Glory to God #583**

*Glory to God*

**Anthem:**

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

## **Service for Installation of Officers:**

*Ruling Elder - Ray Fox, Ming Leu, Clayton Read*

*Deacon - Luke Gutches, Melba Read, Janice Zanders*

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

**Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of Him.**

Installation Congregational Questions: *(responses)* - **We do.**

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

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

Merciful God. **Hear our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn #710:** *We Lift Our Voices* (seated)

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Micah 6:1 - 8.

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 1:3 - 14.

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 5:1 - 12

A new teaching with authority!

**Thanks be to God.** *Mark 1:27*

**Sermon:** What Does the Lord Require (Micah 6:8) Susan Murray

**Communion Hymn #503:** *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

**Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.**

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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!**

... 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.**

... Now pray the words Jesus our Savior 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**

**Distribution of the Elements: #498 *Loaves Were Broken* vs. 1, 2, 3**

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

... This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. The  
gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.** *(take the bread)*

... Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. The gifts of  
God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.** *(take the cup)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us  
with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place.  
Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as  
your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #372:**      *O For a World*

**Benediction:**

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia!** *Mark 1:11, 9:7*

As Jesus called the first disciples,  
so he calls to us this day: Follow me.

**Amen!** *Mark 1:17, John 1:43*

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

**Postlude:**      *Postlude in D Major*      Austin North

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