

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**

**Worship Service Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Jan. 18, 2026

**Pre-Service Music:** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Anthony Giamonco

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Faith* Mark Hayes

**Introit: #651:** *I Waited Patiently for God* Psalm 40

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

To those who want to follow him, Jesus asks, “What are you seeking?”

**Teacher, we do not seek worldly power, but a better way to live.**

“What are you seeking?”

**Teacher, we do not seek worldly wealth, nor the prizes of paradise, but simply to be with you.**

“What are you seeking?”

**Teacher, we do not seek worldly praise or fame, only that you call us by name.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Lamb of God, you take on the sins and suffering of the world. Call us into partnership with you, to love and serve your people by your side. Call us to witness to your goodness and to join your ongoing work of liberation. Call to us by name, and we will delight in your ways. Call to us by name, and we will follow you forever. Amen.**

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



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

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

**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 #76

*Do Not Be Afraid*

(seated)

### Prayer for 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.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1 - 7.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29 - 42

A new teaching, with authority!

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

Sermon:

Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

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

**Offering #714:** *God of the Fertile Fields* vs 1 & 2

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #726:** *Will You Come and Follow Me* vs. 1, 2, 4, 5  
(stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** (remain standing)

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:  
to follow Him.

*Mark 1:17, John 1:43*

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

**Postlude:** *Fanfare of Praise* Jonathan W. Lee

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