

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Wondrous Grace* Mary Ann Fritz

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Legende* Lani Smith

Introit #55: *Come Like Driving Wind, O God* Psalm 68 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

Let the righteous be joyful!

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

Prayer of the Day

God of seekers and dreamers, speak to us now as we wait for your promised word. Protect your people, we pray. The road ahead may be long, but fill us with determination and courage. Teach us to be your body with faith and love, that we might serve one another as companions on the way, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn #321: *The Church's One Foundation* (stand)

Call to Confession

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens, and establishes us.

Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

Prayer of Confession

Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

“Protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” This is the prayer that Christ prayed on our behalf. This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is—the one who hears our prayers, responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583:

Glory to God

English, then Latin

Anthem:

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Lloyd Larson

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

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 #468: *In My Life* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scriptures for the Day:

First Lesson: Acts 1:1 - 11

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1 – 11

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God. 1 Corinthians 15:1–2

Sermon: *Yet I Will Rejoice in the Lord* Susan Murray

All authority and power and dominion to the name that is above all names—Jesus Christ our Lord—now and in the age to come. **Amen.**
Ephesians 1:21

Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Lift Our Voices, We are an Offering*

Prayer of Dedication:

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

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

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

May the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
abide with you forever.

Alleluia!

1 John 4:13–16

Now go forth in Jesus' name,
remembering his new commandment
to love one another, just as he has loved us.

Amen.

1 John 3:23

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

Postlude: *Let All Creation Sing* Janet Vogt

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