

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 21, 2026

Pre-Service Music:

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude:

Song of Greeting #280: *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* vs. 1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear;

what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

Prayer of the Day

God our rock and salvation, you have called us to follow you; give us the courage to do so. You have called us to love you above all; give us confidence to do so. When the waters of life rage around us, hear our prayers, steady our feet, and anchor us in your word, that we might proclaim your presence in the midst of turmoil. Amen.

Opening Hymn #246: *Christ is Alive!* vs. 1, 2, and 5. (stand)

Call to Confession

We have died to sin; yet we continue to live in it. God's grace abounds so we might move past our sins.

Trusting that promise, let us confess.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection: he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: *Glory to God*

Hymn of the Day #239: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*
vs. 1 & 4

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God of grace. **Hear 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 #833 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* vs. 1, 2, & 3 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

**We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection:
he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.
Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin! Amen.**

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 21:8 – 21

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b – 11

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24 – 39

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

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon:

Susan Murray

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.** Revelation 21:6

Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. Romans 12:1

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

Prayer of Dedication:

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

Sending Hymn #738: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* (stand)

Charge and Benediction:

(remain standing)

May the blessing of the Trinity
—holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always.

Alleluia!

Isaiah 6:3

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said,

“Here I am; send me!” Amen.

Isaiah 6:8

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

Postlude:

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