

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026

Pre-Service Music:

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude:

Greeting Song #106: *Prepare the Way O Zion* vs. 1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The Spirit of the Lord is here;

Let us humble ourselves.

Gracious and merciful God, you bear our burdens and break the chains that bind us. Save us from the sin that we often fail to recognize. Show us your path of love and justice, that we might follow, for your way is perfect, now and forevermore. Amen.

Opening Hymn #182: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (stand)

Call to Confession

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful One, Despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God upholds all who are falling, and raises up those who are bowed down.

Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Hymn of the Day #409: *God is Here* v. 1 and 2

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Romans 8:26, 28, 39

Offertory Hymn #711: *Lord of All Good* vs. 1 & 3 (seated)

Prayer of Dedication and Illumination:

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. Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9 - 12

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15 – 25a.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:16 – 19, 25 – 30.

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

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon: *Paul and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
Susan Murray

Comm. Hymn #418: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* vs. 1, 3

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!

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Teach us to set our minds on the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at your right hand. Make us ready to meet him when he is revealed in glory. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Sharing the Bread

... Take, eat. 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)*

Sharing of the Cup

... 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 juice)*

Prayer After Communion

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn #835: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* vs. 1 & 2
(stand)

Charge and Benediction

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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