

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

July 12, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Marvelous Grace* Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Peace* Bob Burroughs

Song of Greeting #53: *O God Who Gives Us Life* verse 2

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The windows of heaven are open;

Let us receive God's abundance.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in you there are no shortages and nothing lacking. We thank you for giving us nourishment from the flourishing fields of creation. Form and reform us by your word, that we may rejoice in your bounty and share your inheritance of abundance, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Opening Hymn #79: *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (stand)

Call to Confession:

As much as we try not to stray: we do. As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.

As we continue on this journey, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.” “We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, Help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.

The Spirit of God dwells within us. Thanks be to God! Amen!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God English/Latin*

Hymn of the Day #104: *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* vs. 1 & 3

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 #451: *Open My Eyes That I May See* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 25:19 – 34.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1 – 11.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1 – 9, 18 - 23.

Sermon: *pre-recorded video* Nanette Sawyer (Associate Pastor
Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago)

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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #606: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 #307: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (stand)
Verses 1, 3, and 4.

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: We Are Travelers on a Journey Mark Hayes

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