

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

August 9, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* William Ringham

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Faithful* Todd Beaney

Song of Greeting #410: *God is Calling Through the Whisper* vs. 1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

Come Jesus, come.

We welcome your presence.

Prayer of the Day

Prince of peace, you calm the raging seas and speak in silent stillness. Bring us peace that only you can provide and restore the joy of our salvation, that we might find the wisdom to recognize you in unexpected places and the courage to follow, for your name's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #829: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* vs. 1, 2, and 3.
(stand)

Call to Confession:

We come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better, to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly.

Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!

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 #834: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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 #835: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* vs. 1, 2 (with refrains). (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

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: Genesis 37:1 – 4, 12 - 28.

Second Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22 – 33.

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: *Discerning God's Gentle Whisper* 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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

Prayer of Dedication:

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

Sending Hymn #410: *God is Calling Through the Whisper vs. 2 & 3*
(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: *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* Arr. Wally Mayo

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