

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

August 16, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *O Praise the Name* Arr. James Koerts

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Peaceful Piano #25* Mark Hayes

Song of Greeting #301: *Let Us Build a House (All are Welcome)* vs 1

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

O taste and see:

God is good.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the harvest, we praise you for the bounty that only you can bring. Teach us to trust you with the persistence of the Canaanite woman, who sought healing for her child, and to advocate for the needs of one another. Fill each pantry with sustaining food and fill us with the fruits of the Spirit, that we might serve you until every hunger is met with justice and every outcast is welcomed home, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

Opening Hymn #769: *For Everyone Born* vs. 1, 3, and 5 with
refrains. (stand)

Call to Confession:

We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!"
We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!"

We call to God even in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just.

Prayer of Confession

God of all goodness, We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

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 #435: *There's a Wideness to God's Mercy*

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 #649: *Amazing Grace* vs. 1 - 4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29 - 32

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21 - 28.

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: *Resilience, Reconciliation, Restoration* Jonathan Kimball

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

Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the United Church of Canada, General Council 1968*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #697: *Take My Life* verses 1 and 4

Prayer of Dedication:

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

Sending Hymn #372: *O for a World* vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5 (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

May you find peace
in your busyness,
in your journeying,
in your happiness,
in your suffering,
in your fearfulness,
in your questioning,
in your faithfulness,
in your worshipping.

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

Postlude: *Great God of Might and Glory* Lani Smith

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