

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

Sept. 20, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Day by Day* Brad Hix

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Come Away to the Skies* Gracey Craig McKibben

Introit #270: *O Lord, You Are My God and King* Psalm 145

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The wilderness is still. **The hungry are left empty.**

The cracked earth crumbles. **The thirsty cry out.**

The Promise Keeper pulls them close. **God, hear us now.**

Water flows. **The Holy One listens.**

A feast from heaven. **The Holy One provides.**

Prayer of the Day

**God of every blessing, we remember the works of your hands:
the days you save us, the people who embrace us,
the moments we feel free, and the dreams you give us.
All of it is from you, Faithful One. Sustain us with your
strength, that we may be surprised by the miraculous gift of
life itself. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #396: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (stand)*

Call to Confession:

We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ.

We try to stand firm in God's spirit, but our human self-interest gets the better of us.

Prayers of Confession

(Moment for silent reflection and Confession followed by joint Prayer of Confession.)

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.

We will receive this gift of forgiveness, and trust God to transform our lives!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #581: *Glory Be to the Father*

Anthem: *Lauda Anima* arr. Benjamin Harlan

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

Petitions from the People: (pause for sharing)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 #497: *Bread of Life from Heaven* vs. 3 & 4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:2 - 15.

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21 - 30

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20: 1 - 16.

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:

Jonathan Kimball

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

Affirmation of Faith: Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #711: *Lord of All Good* vs. 1

Prayer of Dedication:

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this town. We ask this through your son, our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

Sending Hymn #846: *Fight the Good Fight* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

Bless the week ahead.
May its challenges not overwhelm us,
circumstances not discourage us,
and in all things may we remember
you are with us in our journeying,
your love, our fuel - your word, our guide
today and always.

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

Prelude: *New Born Again* Mary McDonald

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