

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

Sept. 27, 2026

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

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Faith* Mark Hayes

Introit #632: *People of the Lord* Psalm 78 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

Listen, people of God! **Hear the wonders of our Creator!**

God split the sea; **walls of water towered above.**

God guided our ancestors in faith: **clouds by day, lightning by night.**

God split open the rock; **water flowed like rivers.**

God split open the heavens and met earth. **God meets us still.**

Prayer of the Day

God of living water, we gather, thirsting for you. Your well is deep; your spring ever-flowing. Complete our joy; refine our desires. Fill our cup with love for one another as we travel your paths of salvation. Amen.

Opening Hymn #415: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (stand)

Call to Confession:

God does not take pleasure in our suffering or delight in our failures

God bids us to turn back to God's way and find eternal life.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess to you: We are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.

Silent Confession - *Time for Personal reflection and silent confession*

Declaration of Forgiveness

When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame.

God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and leads us in what is right. 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 then Latin

Anthem: *Grace Alone* Molly IJames

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

Lord, in your mercy, **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 #264: *At the Name of Jesus* vs. 1, 2, & 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 17:1 - 7

Second Lesson: Philippians 2: 1 - 13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21: 23 - 32

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: *Is the Lord among us or not?* 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 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.

Invitation to Offering:

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #709: *God, We Honor You* sing 3 times

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 #296: *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

The blessing of the one God
—Spirit, Son, and Father—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Ephesians 4:4–6

Lead a life worthy of your calling,
giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**
Ephesians 4:1

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

Postlude: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Brad Hix

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