

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for World Communion Sunday

Oct. 4, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *I Gave My Life for Thee* - Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

- Next Sunday, October 11, we will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship to elect our new officers. Then, they will be installed on Sunday, November 22.

Responsive Reading:

“You Are With Me” (Teresa of Avila)

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.

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**Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he
looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.**

Prelude: *Let Us Break Bread Together* - Teresa Wilhelmi

Introit #690: *God's Perfect Law* Psalm 19 Choir

Call to Worship:

We gather with hope in our hearts,
for something happens here that teaches us God is present.
We know this place is sacred,
for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.
We gather with joyful praise,
for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

Prayer of the Day:

**Eternal One, your breath gives life, your hands paint the skies,
your love brings freedom, and your kingdom will endure
beyond all generations to the ends of the earth. Let our
mouths proclaim your praise and our hearts dwell on you
alone, that we might shout, Hallelujah! to our Rock and our
Redeemer. Amen.**

Hymn #515: *I Come with Joy* vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5 (please stand)

Call to Confession:

God's law is right and just, offering us wisdom and enlightenment.

**Yet we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives
and persist in our own ways.**

Prayer of Confession:

**God of the law and the prophets, We do not want to admit
all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of
money, success, and power. We use your name to justify
whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie,
we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name.
Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that
you are our freedom and deliverer. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon:

Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love;
God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #583:

Glory to God

(please stand)

Anthem:

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

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

If you would like to offer an individual petition of prayer to the congregation, simply speak your petition with a strong voice, concluding with the phrase “Hear us O God”. The congregation will respond with **Your mercy is great.** After time has been allowed for all to share their prayers, we will move into the prepared Prayers of the People, using the same prompt and congregational response.

Petitions from the People:

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(brief silence)

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

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

Offering #711: *Lord of All Good* v. 1, 3

Prayer for 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.

Centering Hymn #711: *Lord of All Good* v. 2 *(seated)*

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20:1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:4b – 14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33 - 46

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Whose Vineyard Is It Anyway? Susan Murray

Communion Anthem: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr.
Bradley Ellingboe

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving:

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

God-planted seeds now germinate
A tree of life, an orchard bearing fruit
Such is nature, abundant life budding,
And Jesus sets the table, invites us to dine.

**Water into wine, land where bread is born,
A people on the path of perfect communion.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God. We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin. We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

... Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Distribution of the Bread

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain

The body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat.

Distribution of the Juice

Communion Hymn #523: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain, Verse 4, Refrain

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.

Prayer After Communion

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn #321: *The Church's One Foundation* (stand)
vs. 1, 2, 4, and 5

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

The blessing of the holy, triune God,
who was and is and is to come
—first and last,
beginning and end,
Alpha and Omega—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Revelation 1:8

Go in peace to love the Lord your God
with heart and soul and mind and strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**
Mark 12:29–31

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

Postlude: *Praise Him! Praise Him!* - Cindy Berry

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