

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

October 11, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Beautiful Savior* - C.E. Walz

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *The Lord's My Shepherd* - Lloyd Larson

Introit: *Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise* René Clausen

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

When the path leads nowhere, we become disoriented, and skies darken,

How do we find peace, O God?

When farewells are too many, tears won't stop, and strength is gone,

How do we rest, O God?

When hope is hard, love is lost, and light is dim,

You give us one more breath, O God.

Prayer of the Day

**God of Peace, grant us your breath and draw us into stillness,
that we may come to know that you are holding onto us,
carrying us through the whirlwind and into the bright sun of a
magnificent new day. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #20: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (stand)

Call to Confession:

From ancient times to now, God's people have turned away. We are no different: we let fear take hold of us and try to go our own way.

Let us be honest about how we have failed to follow God.

Prayer of Confession

True God from True God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division instead of the radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone. Amen.

Silent Confession

Time for Personal reflection and silent confession.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God shows us a different way—a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.

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:

Blessed Assurance

Dale Grotenhuis

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

Petitions from the People:

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 #840: *When Peace Like a River* vs. 1, 2, & 4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25: 1 -9.

Second Lesson: Philippians 4: 5 - 9

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12: 22 - 29.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon: *Don't Worry, Be Happy* 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.

Invitation to Offering:**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:***(please be seated)*

Offering #712: *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought* vs. 1

Prayer of Dedication:

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. Amen.

Sending Hymn #804: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5
(stand)

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: *Joy in My Soul* - Mark Hayes

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