

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Love* - Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *We Gather Together* - Lloyd Larson

Introit: *Tremble, O Tremble* Psalm 99 vs. 1 and 5

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

In this place,

**friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended,
and the weary welcomed.**

In this moment,

**the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause.
This is God's time.**

In this sanctuary,

**God's goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness.
Our lives join together.**

Prayer of the Day

**God of goodness, we thank you for choosing us. Teach us your
good news, that we might be brought to life: every blessing we
receive and every kindness we encounter is your Spirit
whispering grace. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #1: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (stand)

Call to Confession:

God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives.

Let us go before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

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:

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Philip Stopford

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 #726: *Will You Come and Follow Me* vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5
(seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, we come before you this day with hearts full of wonder and praise. You are the eternal source of all wisdom and truth — the one in whom all knowledge finds its home. You are the Father who reveals yourself to those who seek you; the Son who is himself the Word made flesh, the light that scatters every shadow of ignorance and doubt; the Spirit who breathes understanding into willing hearts and opens our minds to things beyond our own imagining. Every good insight, every moment of clarity, every truth that has ever dawned upon a human heart — all of it flows from you. You are the God who speaks, and who longs to be heard. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 45: 1 - 7.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 – 10

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 15 - 22.

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: I Corinthians 15 and Revelation 22:13

This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that HE was buried, and that HE was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that he appeared to the women, to Cephas and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Invitation to Offering:

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Lift Our Voices We Are an Offering*

Prayer of Dedication: www.faithandworship.com

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 Saviour Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

Sending Hymn #542: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* vs. 1,2,3
(stand)

Charge and Benediction:

(remain standing)

May the peace of God reign in this place
and the love of God forever hold you tight,
May the Spirit of God flow through your life
and the joy of God uphold you day and night.

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

Postlude: *Faith is the Victory* - Cindy Berry

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