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

November 8, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* - Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Reflection* - Mark Hayes

Introit 395: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* vs. 1 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?

As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

What has God done for you?

Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds. Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Say more.

We'll never stop telling our story. The next generation will hear it. Children not yet born will know it.

Hope in God, whose story will never end.

Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

Prayer of the Day
Faithful One, you are near; assure us. In our joy and in our need, help us to seek you, for we know that we will find peace and gladness with you. Today and always, we say again and again, "God is great!" Amen.

Opening Hymn #299: *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*
(stand)

Call to Confession:

Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works. Our hope is in God.

But we do not always keep God's commandments.

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Amen.

Silent Confession

Time for Personal reflection and silent confession.

Declaration of Forgiveness

All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.

We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:
We are forgiven! Be at peace.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Anthem: *All are Welcome* Marty Haugen

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

Petitions from the People:

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God 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 #688: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* vs. 1 and 3 (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: Amos 5:18 - 24

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1 – 12.

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

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon: *A Church that Lives the Beatitudes* Susan Murray

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

Affirmation of Faith: From The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Offering:

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Are an Offering* vs. 1

Prayer of Dedication:

Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen.

Sending Hymn #757: *Today We All Are Called to Be* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

May the God of peace make you holy
and the power of the Spirit sustain you
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

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

Postlude: *Deep Joy* - R. Kevin Boesiger

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