First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *We Gather Together* - Darcy Stanley

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* - Mark Hayes

Introit 385: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* Ps. 100 Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

The gates of the Lord are open to all;

Come before God with thanks!

The courtyard of the Lord welcomes all the earth;

Bless God's holy name.

The pastures of the Lord are places for all to dwell!

Shout with praise, all the earth,

because God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.
God's faithfulness lasts from generation to generation.

Prayer of the Day

God of all people, you welcome us. In the faces of one another, we see your face. Help us to look each other in the eye. Lead us from our comfortable corners toward those who live different lives and those we have forgotten or overlooked. Bring us face-to-face with service and humility, and call us into reconciliation with you, with creation, and with one another. Amen.

Opening Hymn #258: *A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing!* (stand)
vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5

Call to Confession

Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God.

This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us.

Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness,

knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

Prayer of Confession

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Mack Wilberg

Service for Ordination/Installation of Officers

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 #452: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (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: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 - 24.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15 - 23.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 31 - 46.

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

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon: *When Did We See You?* 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 Confession of 1967, 9.54-55

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Invitation to Offering:

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.
Romans 12:1

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

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 #852: *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* (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: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* - Gary Norian

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