First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service on the Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021

<u>Welcome</u>

Prelude: Verso in g minor – Domenico Zipoli

Call to Worship (Psalm 62:1-2)

From God comes my salvation. For God alone my soul waits in silence. God alone is my rock and my salvation. God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Prayer of the Day

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

Hymn: You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, Ps. 62:8 let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: Why Does God Have to Be Merciful All the Time???

Prayers of the People and Traditional Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Benediction

Postlude: Come Thou Fount – Bethany K Smith

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