

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service on the Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Peace be with you.

**How good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head,
the blessing of the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds,
unlock our hearts,
and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome
the risen one among us. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn #254: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Call to Confession

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,**

**yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives
and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

We have an advocate with God—
Jesus Christ, the righteous one—
who offered his life in love
to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

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

Passing the Peace

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pour out your blessing, O Lord; **send us your Spirit of peace.**

**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 #253: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

Sermon: When the Easters Keep Coming

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They
therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has
any ground on which to stand except God's grace.**

Closing Hymn #547: Go My Children with My Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

Fellowship in the Sanctuary

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