

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service on Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

*January 30, 2022, 9:45 am*

**Pre-Service Music:** *At Peace* - John Turner

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Repeated Blessings* - Donna J. Krieger

**Introit#722:** *O Use Me Lord* vs. 5

**Call to Worship**

**Thank you, God, for gathering us.**

Remind us again of your love.

**The good news of the gospel is this: the God of all creation came to dwell among us, but we crucified this revelation of sacrificial love.**

God went to the depths of hell to gather us all.  
In Christ's resurrection we are drawn again to the presence of God.

**This is good news for all who hear.**

Let us pray.

**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Opening Hymn #691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

God gathers the insiders and the outsiders;

**not one is beyond need of restoration.**

Trusting this promise,

**we surrender ourselves in the presence of Christ and one another,  
as we pray together.**

## Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which know no end.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.

**It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice.**

This good news is for you: God claims you, Christ welcomes you, and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

**Thanks be to our God now and forever.**

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

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Gloria #581

Anthem: *Neighbors* – arr. Austin C. Lovelace

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

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* God of Grace. **Hear our prayer.**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray;

**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 #693:** *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen**

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4:21-30

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Showing Love

Susan Murray

**Installation of Church Officers**

**Sending Hymn:#726** *Will You Come and Follow Me vs.1,4,5* (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

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

**Postlude:** *In Joyful Praise* - David Lasky (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by the Chancel Choir, Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Maudanne Pursley and sermon provided by Susan Murray.*

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