

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla  
Worship Service Second Sunday in Lent**

*March 13, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* - John Purifoy

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *I Love to Tell the Story* - Michael Cox

**Introit#:** *Surely it is God Who Saves Me* refrain vs 1, refrain

**Call to Worship**

The Lord is our light.

**Light no darkness can overcome.**

Jesus Christ is our salvation.

**Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Let us worship the Lord.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arm, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #213** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

From generation to generation,

**God has extended mercy and love.**

Trusting in God's faithfulness,

**Let us make our confession.**

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

From generation to generation, God's love overcomes human sinfulness.

**God is committed to fresh starts and new creations.**

This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

## Passing the Peace of Christ

**Kyrie #551** *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

## Anthem:

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

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church the world, and all who are in need.

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of 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 #819**

*Be Still, My Soul*

(remain seated)

**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.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 15: 1-12, 17, 18

**Epistle Lesson:** Phillipians 3:17 – 4:1

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 13:31-35

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

**Sermon** Gathered Into One Brood Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith** – (Uniting in Worship People’s Book) (please stand)

Jesus Christ is Lord!

**We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**Amen.** (Philippians 2:5-11)

**Sending Hymn:#306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* vs. 1, 3, 4 (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all of the fullness of God.

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

**Postlude:** *Go in Peace* - John Turner (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Melba Read and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.*

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