

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

*March 20, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* – Barbara J. Heastings

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* – C.E. Walz

**Introit#:** *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* vs. 1

**Call to Worship**

Thirsty. **Our hearts crave living water**

Hungry. **Our souls ache to be satisfied.**

Weary. **Our minds are tired by thoughts that do not come from God.**

Thirsty, hungry, and weary. **Let us worship the God of love.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #415** *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* vs. 2, 3, 4 (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

When the time comes to repent,

**let us not accuse our neighbor, but face the truth within us.**

Not to belittle or shame,

**but to seek grace, that we can turn our lives around with God's help.**

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us,  
we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit.  
Our consumption poisons the earth.  
Our violence threatens our neighbors.  
Our greed exploits the poor.  
We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God.  
In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ,  
and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Amen**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Incline your ear and listen, so that you may live!  
God makes with us an everlasting covenant, the sure, steadfast love  
known to Moses, David, and the ancestors and revealed in Jesus upon the cross.  
Trust in the 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:** *The Loving God Who Made Us All* – arr. Andrew Birling

## 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 #696** *O God, You Are My God Alone* – Psalm 63 (remain seated)

## Prayer for Illumination

Empty us, Great God, of all that prevents us from hearing  
what you want us to hear.  
Empty us of our preconceptions, our preoccupations,  
and our prejudices.  
Empty us that we might be filled with your Spirit and your Word.  
Empty us that we might be filled for ministry and mission.  
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1 – 9

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

Sermon God's Way Susan Murray

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

**Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion:  
Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels, preached among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.** *1 Tim. 3:16 (RVS)*

**The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with Him;  
if we deny Him, He will also deny us; if we are faithless,  
He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.** *2 Tim. 2:11-13*

Sending Hymn:#743 *O God, You Are My God* sing twice (remain standing)

Responsive Benediction: (remain standing)

We will walk with God, my brothers.  
**We will walk with God my brothers.**  
We will walk with God, my sisters.  
**We will walk with God my sisters.**  
We will go rejoicing 'til the kingdom comes.  
**We will go rejoicing 'til the kingdom comes.**

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

Postlude: *Fanfare on "Rise Up, O Church of God"* – Tracey Craig McKibben  
(please be seated)

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

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