

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

March 27, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *I Shall Not Want* – Gene Clark

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Take Up Your Cross* – Edward Broughton

Introit#399: *God Welcomes All*

Call to Worship

We are ambassadors for Christ.

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer our praise.

Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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 #409 *God is Here!* vs. 1, 2, 4 (please stand)

Call to Confession

If we keep silent, our sin will flourish, and we will groan all day long. Therefore, let all who are faithful acknowledge our sin and hide our transgression no more.

In faith and with courage let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

Be glad and rejoice, for in Christ, we are a new creation.

Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Kyrie #551 *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

Anthem: *Psalm 37* – John Leavitt

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 #446 *How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions* – Psalm 32 (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1 – 3, 11b - 32

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

Sermon *A Future Hope and a Present Reality*

Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith – **We are not alone** (*Uniting in Worship 2*) (please stand)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(from The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968)

Sending Hymn#771: *What is the World Like? vs. 2, 3, 5* (remain standing)

Benediction: (remain standing)

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always.

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

Postlude: *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* – Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Ming Leu and sermon provided by Rev. Bob Morrison.

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