

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Easter Sunday**

April 17, 2022, 9:45 am

Pre-Service Music: *A Quiet Place* - John M. Rasley

Welcome and Announcements

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Prelude: *Trumpet Song* - Lani Smith

Introit: *O Easter Day with Joy so Bright* Johann Jeep

Call to Worship

Today is the day mystery unfolds.

We glimpse it at the dawning of light.

We yearn to hear our Lord calling us:

sister, brother, sibling.

Today we recall again God's trustworthy promise:

The tomb is empty!

The Lord is risen!

The enemy of death is destroyed!

We delight, saying: **Alleluia!**

We wonder, singing: **Alleluia!**

We are witnesses shouting: **Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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 #232:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

(please stand)

Call to Confession

Since sin and death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being.

For as all die in Adam, all will be made alive in Christ.

Trusting in that promise of God, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
how on the third day, Christ rose again.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise;
you have done wonderful things!

Still we look for the living among the dead.

[silent confession]

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.
Teach us to trust your promise
and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Hear this promise from God's word.
Everyone who believes in Christ and turns to him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *Scatter the Darkness Break the Gloom*

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world

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

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. Let us pray the words that Jesus 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 #236 *The Strife is O'er vs. 1, 2, 4* (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us.
By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith,
that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim,
"I have seen the Lord!" Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 118:1, 14-24

Response:

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

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

Sermon Running the Resurrection Race

Rev. Dennis Winzenried

Affirming our Faith – 1 Corinthians 15 & Revelation 22:13

This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that HE was buried, and that HE was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that he appeared to the women, to Cephas and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Sending Hymn#238:

Thine is the Glory

(remain standing)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Believe what you have witnessed and run to the others, joyfully shouting, "I have seen the Lord!"

Alleluia! Amen!

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

Postlude: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* - Peter Benjamin

(please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Liz Stottlemyre and sermon provided by Rev. Dennis Winzenried.

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