

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I* - Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Meditation for Prayer* - John Turner

Introit:

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us a mid ourf ears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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 #231: *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Christ Jesus comes among us with extended hands and a wide embrace, offering mercy and forgiveness and promising new life.

**Trusting in the one who has been raised from the dead,
let us make our confession.**

Prayer of Confession

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen

Declaration of Pardon

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
the power of sin has been defeated.

God's love is stronger still.

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

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Anthem: *That Easter Day with Joy so Bright*

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Worship leader will lead the prayers. God in your mercy . **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy O God, respond to these prayers and renew us by your life giving strength as we pray the words Jesus your Son 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 #234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* vs. 1, 2, 4 (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

**Living God, help us so to hear your Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe;
and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.**

Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

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

Sermon:

Rev. Bob Morrison

Affirmation of Faith: *from Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was 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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Sending Hymn#246: *Christ is Alive! vs. 1, 3, 4, 5* (remain standing)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, touching every place and time.

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

Postlude: *Jubilate Deo* – Anthony Giamanco (please be seated)

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

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