

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

*April 3, 2022, 9:45 am*

**Pre-Service Music:** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* - Anthony Giamanco

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Variations on "Fairest Lord Jesus"* - Anthony Giamanco

**Introit#401** *Gather Us In* vs. 1

**Call to Worship**

God makes a way out of no way.

**God sees our tears and turns them into joy.**

God makes the impossible possible  
and sees the desperate needs of all people.

**Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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 #401** *Gather Us In* vs. 2, 3, 4 (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Though we find much to boast about, we return again to God,

**who sees through our efforts to handle our life on our own.**

Hear again the tender invitation to speak plainly before God and one another.

**Let us confess our sins to God.**

## Prayer of Confession

**Why are you so extravagant, O God?  
We work hard, use our intelligence,  
keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily,  
care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies.  
Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?  
Yet you throw open windows and doors,  
revealing a vision we do not possess.  
Where accomplishments don't count,  
where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering,  
where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure.  
Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values,  
and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be  
generous with our love. Amen**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us.

**Jesus Christ restores us to life.**

Say it with joy!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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*

**Solo:** *Behold the Lamb of God* Mary Kwantes

**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.

**Hymn #647**

*Give Thanks*

(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:** Psalm 126

**Epistle Lesson:** Phillipians 3:4b-14

**Gospel Lesson:** John 12: 1 – 8

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

**Sermon**

Anointed by Love

Jonathan Kimball

**Communion Hymn #498:** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken vs. 2, 3, 4*

**Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south, from east and west, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin.

We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us 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**

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.** *(take the communion)*

**Prayer After Communion**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all of your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Sending Hymn #515:** *I Come with Joy* vs. 2, 3, 4, 5 (please stand)

**Benediction**

You are children of God, joined in communion and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty bless you this day and always.  
Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Amen**

Go in Peace, Live in Love, **Serve the Lord.**

**Postlude:** *Standing on the Promises* - Ralph Long

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis and Mary Kwantes. Worship led by Maudanne Pursley and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.*

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