

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

*May 1, 2022*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Always Remember* - Gregg Sewell

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Jesus Paid It All* - Jason W. Krug

**Introit#805** *You Change My Life to Joy-filled Dance* vs. 4 (Psalm 30)

**Call to Worship**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

**Alleluia!**

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to our God forever and ever!

**Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal and all merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Opening Hymn #196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* vs. 1, 3, 4 (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Risen from the dead, Jesus Christ longs for us to know life in all of its fullness, offering us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness.

**Let us trust in the promise of Easter as we make our confession.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love,  
love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things.  
You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives.  
Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.  
We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.  
We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject.  
Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others.  
Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. Amen**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary.

**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:** *As We Gather At Your Table*, K. Lee Scott

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

## **Prayers of the People**

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 Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Hymn #247**            *Now the Green Blade Rises*            (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.**

**First Lesson:** Acts 9:1-20

**Gospel Lesson:** John 21: 1-19

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

**Sermon**    Whom Do We Serve?            Jonathan Kimball

**Communion Hymn #274:** *You Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd vs. 1, 3 + added verse*

Added verse: God the dresser of the vineyard,  
God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest,  
God the source of all we eat.  
You are host at every ta-ble;  
We are hungry feed us now.

**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**

**We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted  
the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us  
from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all  
may know life in Jesus' name. Amen**

**Sending Hymn #839:** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* vs. 1, 3 (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:** *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* - Mary McDonald

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