

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

May 8, 2022

Pre-Service Music: Cantabile - James Connely

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Chorale - Craig A. Penfield

Introit: *Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah*

Call to Worship

Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing:

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant,
make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work
among us all that is pleasing in your sight, 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 #386: *Come Worship God vs. 1, 3, 4* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Even if we walk in the darkest of valleys,
we have nothing to fear, for God is with us.

**Let us stand before the throne of the Lamb with confidence,
trusting in God's desire to redeem and restore us.**

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize.
When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment,
but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways,
O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands.
Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again
to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love**

Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30

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

Sermon:

Susan Murray

Affirmation of 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#187: *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* vs. 1, 3, 4 (remain standing)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing: Fill our hearts with joy and peace:
Let us each your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.
Lord, refresh us traveling through this wilderness.

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

Postlude: Go Joyfully - Richard A. Williamson

(please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Susan Murray.

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