## First Presbyterian Church of Rolla Worship Service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

**Pre-Service Music:** The Church in the Wildwood - Tom Birchwood

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Prelude:** Impromptu - Johnathan Kana

Introit 301: All are Welcome v. 1

### Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

for people near and people far, for people present and people to come, for the young and for those wise with age.

Come, let us praise the Lord;

Come, let us worship God.

# **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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 #301:** All are Welcome vs. 2, 4, 5 (please stand)

#### **Call to Confession**

Because we are loved,

we are called to turn to God in humility.

We fall short of who God calls us to be,

but we are never forsaken.

In faith and with confidence as beloved children,

#### let us confess our sin to God.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. Amen

#### **Declaration of Pardon**

Believe the good news:

Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Gloria #583: Glory to God

**Anthem:** *Make Me an Instrument* Gilpin

<u>Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.</u>

## 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 Spirit, 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

<u>Hymn #288:</u> Spirit of the Living God (remain seated)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

**First Lesson:** Revelation 21:1-6

Second Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** Whom Do We Love? Jonathan Kimball

<u>Doxology #607: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</u>

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Affirmation of Faith:** (Mark 16:1-9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, John 20;23, I Corinthians 15:1-6)

This is the gospel which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**Sending Hymn#300:** We Are One in the Spirit (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

Loving Spirit, you have chosen us to be your people. You have drawn us to your wonder, upon us you have set your sign and made us people of God. Let us go forth to share the peace of Christ with all of those we meet.

Go in peace. Live in love. Serve the Lord

**Postlude:** *Praise* - Todd Beaney (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Melba Read and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.

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