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

May 22, 2022

### **Pre-Service Music:**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** 

**Introit 375:** Shall We Gather at the River vs. 1

Call to Worship

God's goodness is breaking into the world.

We do not expect the Spirit's movement.

God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 #403:** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (please stand)

#### **Call to Confession**

We are a people living in sin.

We are a people in need of God's vision, praying for our eyes to be opened.

We are a people in need of God's reversal, praying for our hearts to be softened.

We are a people in need of God's reconciliation, praying that our faces might be illumined by God's presence.

Let us claim our need of God, confessing our sin together.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit. Amen

### **Declaration of Pardon**

It is the Lord who opens eyes to see.

It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear.

It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence.

Peace, peace, peace—you are loved. You are enough. You belong.

In Jesus Christ you are restored.

Thanks be to our God forever and ever.

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

#### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #582:** Glory to God

**Anthem:** All Things Bright and Beautiful Philip Stopford

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 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

**Hymn #840:** When Peace Like a River v. 1, 3, 4 (remain seated)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, Lover of humanity, Joy of creation: Pour out your Spirit on us like a river of peace. Inspire us to sing your praise in every land and with every generation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**First Lesson:** Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5

**Second Lesson:** Acts 16:9-15

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

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

**Sermon:** Where Can I Find Peace? Mary Kwantes

### **Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology #607: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

# **Prayer of Dedication:**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make these gifts a blessing for this church, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who welcomes all to His table. **Amen.** 

#### **Affirmation of Faith:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards

a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen

**Sending Hymn#341:** O God Show Mercy to Us Psalm 67 (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, so that His way may be known upon earth, and His saving power may be known in all nations.

Go in peace. Live in love. Serve the Lord

**Postlude:** (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by William Owen, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Maudanne Pursley and sermon provided by Mary Kwantes.

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