

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

May 29, 2022

Pre-Service Music:

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Introit #394: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation vs. 3*

Call to Worship

Before and after, first and last,

Alpha and Omega,

the steadfast love of God endures forever.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found. On your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymn #394: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation v. 1, 2, 4* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Having defeated sin and conquered death, the risen Christ beckons to us,

welcoming our confession and promising new life.

Trusting in the promise of the gospel,

let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they are many.

Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again. Amen

Declaration of Pardon

Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

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:

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 #358: *Steal Away* (remain seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

First Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel Lesson: John 17:20-26

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

Sermon Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon: “It’s Your Stance, Not Your Circumstance” Rev. Bob Morrison

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: (From I Corinthians 15)

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen

Sending Hymn#772: *Live Into Hope* v. 1, 3, 4 (remain standing)

Benediction: (remain standing)

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
The Lord be with you all. (*2 Thessalonians 16*)

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

Postlude: (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Jeff Williams, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Liz Stottlemire and sermon provided by Rev. Bob Morrison.

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