

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *The Cup of Love* - Michael Shea

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *What Can Wash Away My Sin* - Kimberly Snow

Introit #45: *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* Psalm 121

Call to Worship

There is so much we do not understand, so many mysteries in this life of faith.

But some things are certain.

We do know:

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
God is our keeper and our shade.**

Let us lift our eyes to God.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 #321: *The Church's One Foundation* vs. 1,2,3, & 5 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Our help does truly come from God.

This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, or when our lives are hard, but when we are the ones who are to blame, when we face the consequences of our own actions.

Knowing that, we turn to God for help,

trusting in unending grace.

Prayer of Dedication:

**God of good gifts, receive these and all of our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Through the grace of God we have gifts in abundance and pour them out like perfume from a flask, not for our sakes, but to worship the One who lavishes love on the world.
Amen.**

Hymn #282: *Come Down, O Love Divine* *vs. 1, 2* (seated)

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1 – 17

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Legacy of Love* Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn #504: *We Come as Guests Invited* *vs. 1, 3 (seated)*

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

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn #684: *Faith Begins by Letting Go* (please stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

God bless you and keep you, Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen**

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

Postlude: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* - Gina Sprunger

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