

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

*March 12, 2023*

**Pre-Service Music:** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus* - Lee Dengler

**Welcome and Announcements**

We will be participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing. We will be collecting donations until April 9. Your donations will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and the self-development of people. There are donation envelopes on the table as you come in the church.

**Prelude:** *“Ville du Havre”* - Lani Smith

**Introit #386:** *Come, Worship God* vs. 1

**Call to Worship**

Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

**Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.**

Even in the deserts of our lives,

**God is among us.**

Come, let us worship and bow down;

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 #612:** *We Praise You, O God* (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect.

**Christ died for us while we were still sinners.**

We do not have to hide our sin from God.

**We can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.**

### Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.**

### Declaration of Pardon

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings.

**Suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.**

God's love has been poured into our hearts.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

### Passing the Peace of Christ

**Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy #577:**

*(please stand)*

**Anthem:**

*The King of Love*

Jake Runestad

### Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who 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 #386:**            *Come, Worship God* vs. 3, 4    (seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Merciful God, your Word is our way of truth and life. Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit within us, so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 17: 1 – 7

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 95 1 – 7    Responsive Reading

O come let us sing to the Lord:

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of your salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,

**And a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,

**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 5:1 - 11

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:**

“We are Truly Blessed”

Susan Murray

**Affirmation of Faith** 2 Tim. 2:11-13

**The saying is sure:**

**If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him;**

**if we endure, we will also reign with him;**

**if we deny him, he will also deny us;**

**if we are faithless, he remains faithful—**

**for he cannot deny himself.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

(please stand)

**Offering #709:**

*God, We Honor You*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel, through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #611:**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

(stand)

**Benediction:**

(remain standing)

God the giver of love, Christ the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

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

**Postlude:** *Redeemed* - David Paxton

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