

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Give Me Jesus* - Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Resting in God's Arms* - arr. Mark Hayes

Introit: *Here in This Place* v. 1

Call to Worship

The good news resounds:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We celebrate the God who is our refuge.

In God's presence there is gladness and rest.

God is always before us;

we shall not be shaken.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #634: *To God Be the Glory* (please stand)

Call to Confession

God shows us the path of life,

offering companionship along the way.

Therefore we trust in God,

knowing that we can admit the ways we struggle to stay on that path.

Prayer of Confession

Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe

as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

Thanks be to God for such a hope. Alleluia!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory Be to the Father #581: *(please stand)*

Hymn of the Day#254: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (remain standing)

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. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

United in the hope and joy of resurrection,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share our radical love through our worlds and our work.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 #3: *Womb of Life and Source of Being* v. 1, 2 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, “I have seen the Lord!” Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19-31

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Pastor Amy Cornelius

Affirmation of Faith 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 22:13

This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that he appeared to the women, to Cephas and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

Offering #708:

We Give Thee but Thine Own v. 1 and 2

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, our risen Savior and wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Sending Hymn #817:

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

(stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
He is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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

Postlude: *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* - arr. Mark Hayes

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Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Pastor Amy Cornelius.*

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