

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

*April 23, 2023*

**Pre-Service Music:** *I Stand Amazed* - C.E. Walz

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Jesus Paid It All* - Lloyd Larson

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

**Call to Worship**

We hear the voice of Jesus:

**our hearts burn within us.**

We lift our voices to God and call on the name of the Lord!

**The risen Christ is here in this place: Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #251:** *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* vs. 1, 4, 5 (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

As we continue our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**we are called to repent, remembering that the promise of Jesus Christ is for us,**

for our children, for our siblings, for all who are near and all who are far,

**for everyone called to God. In confidence, let us confess our sin.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, “What should we do?” And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.” Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God.  
Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!**

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#231:** *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* (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.

Ever-present God, you, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news.

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 #278:** *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* v. 1, 3, 4 (seated)

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

## **Scriptures for the Day**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 24: 13-35

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Peter 1: 13-25

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *Becoming Christ*

Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith** Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla

**In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to 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 #313:**

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

(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:** *Triumphal March* - Paul Thurmond

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Jeff Sandquist and Lorie Francis.  
Worship led by Ming Leu and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.*

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