## First Presbyterian Church of Rolla Worship Service for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

**Pre-Service Music:** Cantabile - James Connely

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** Chorale - Craig A. Penfield

**Introit:** Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah

### Call to Worship

Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing:

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is pleasing in your sight, 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 #386:** Come Worship God vs. 1, 3, 4 (please stand)

#### **Call to Confession**

Even if we walk in the darkest of valleys, we have nothing to fear, for God is with us.

Let us stand before the throne of the Lamb with confidence, trusting in God's desire to redeem and restore us.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love

### of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table. Amen

#### **Declaration of Pardon**

Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice: Jesus says, I give you eternal life. You will never perish. No one can snatch you out of my hand. Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.

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

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Glory to God

**Anthem:** Psalm Trilogy Glick

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 #324 For All the Faithful Women vs. 1, 3, 4 (remain seated)

# **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen. **Lesson:** Revelation 7:9-17

**<u>Lesson:</u>** Acts 9:36-43

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

Susan Murray

**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.

**Sending Hymn#187:** Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us vs. 1, 3, 4 (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing: Fill our hearts with joy and peace: Let us each your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace. Lord, refresh us traveling through this wilderness.

Go in peace. Live in love. Serve the Lord

**Postlude:** Go Joyfully - Richard A. Williamson (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Carol Bennett and sermon provided by Susan Murray.

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