

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Crown Him* – George J. Elvey

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* – Richard A.
Williamson

Introit: *Lord All Glorious, Lord Victorious!* Katherine K.
Davis

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the house of Aaron say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let all who fear the Lord say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship the risen God!

Prayer of the Day

Praise be to you, O God of resurrection, for you have defeated the powers of sin and death. In resurrecting Christ Jesus, you displayed your holy power and transformed all of creation. In your steadfast love, you have redeemed us once and for all. Where we once saw pain, scarcity, and despair, we now see wholeness, abundance, and hope. Holy

**Spirit, inspire us to live as your new creation,
working to make things on earth as they are in
heaven. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (stand)

Call to Confession

Death is overcome. Evil is thwarted.

**Let us confess the sin we carry that we may receive
new life in Christ.**

Prayer of Confession

**On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole
selves to you, great God, honestly naming the truth
about our lives. We are sinking under piles of
shame, judgment, and self-pity, feeling closer to hell
than heaven. Christ, rend our veil of tears. Restore
us. Renew us. Revive us. In the name of the risen
Christ we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

**The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and
wipes away all shame.**

We are drenched in radiating mystery:

God is with us.

Receive the wonderful news: You are made alive in Christ.

In Jesus Christ we are restored.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is Risen. **He is risen indeed!**

Sharing the Good News:

He is Risen. **He is risen indeed!**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #240 vs. 2 (stand)

Anthem: *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* Philip Stopford

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.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all of those in need.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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 #231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* (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:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17 - 25

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 15:19 - 26

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Jesus Points™* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #710: *We are an Offering*

Prayer of Dedication:

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with the gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn #246: *Christ is Alive!* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

(remain standing)

Rejoice!

The stone is rolled away, grave clothes neatly folded,
no more the smell of death, behold the empty tomb!

Halleluia He is risen!

Rejoice!

Scripture has been fulfilled, the sting of death is gone,
the victory of death has been won, behold the risen Christ!

Halleluia He is risen!

Rejoice!

The curtain's torn in two, our God invites us in!
Christ's sacrifice is enough to wash away our sins!

Halleluia He is risen!

Go in peace with joy! Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *Grand March* – Jason W. Krug

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