

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Easter Sunday

April 27, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* - Jason W. Krug

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Meditation* - Tracey Craig McKibben

Introit #35: *Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty* v. 1 Chancel Choir

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day (Psalm 150)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God in God's sanctuary!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for God's mighty deeds!

Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Loving Jesus, in a broken and fearful world, you continue to reveal yourself to us each day, bringing your peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We seek to live a life worthy of these gifts, knowing that we can never repay you. You have been our steadfast companion. Guide us still, that we might follow you before any human authority and know the saving power of your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn #242 *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

(stand)

Call to Confession

Christ Jesus comes among us with extended hands and a wide embrace...

Offering mercy and forgiveness and promising new life.

Trusting in the one who has been raised from the dead,
let us make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Pardon

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated. God's love is stronger still.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Anthem: *Look at the World* John Rutter

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.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and presbyters to boldly proclaim your love for all people.

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

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 #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* vs. 1,2,4,5 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news

of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:24-31

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 150

Sermon Lesson: Genesis 9:8 – 17.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Faith, Hope, and Gratitude* Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

Creator and Redeemer

You did not plant the seed of this earth

Into the universe as if by chance.

It was your hand that placed it here,

Your plan to grow it here.

You did not populate this earth

**With a people made in your image
purely by chance,**

It was your hand that placed us here,

Your breath that keeps us here.

You did not come as a tiny child

To walk this earth as if by chance,

It was your Love that brought you here,

Your Grace that saved us here,

Our Creator and Redeemer. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #712: *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Prayer of Dedication: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

We bring you only what is yours, Creator God, that you might use this offering and the giver for the building up of your kingdom and the glory of your name. Amen.

Sending Hymn #15: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

(stand)

verses: 1, 2, 4, and 6

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

(remain standing)

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

Postlude: *Deep Joy* - R. Kevin Boesiger

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