

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

June 1, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul
Baloche

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *When Morning Gilds the Sky* Joseph Barnby

Introit #401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* Chancel
Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day (Psalm 97)

The Lord is sovereign; let the earth rejoice!

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

**The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,
and all peoples behold God's glory.**

For the Lord is most high over all the earth;
God is exalted above all gods.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you are indeed the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We give thanks that you have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ, whom we have come to know only by your grace. Christ prayed for the world to know your loving care

through his disciples. Inspire us to serve as one among them. Make our lives examples of your steadfast love for your people. Amen.

Opening Hymn #244 *This Joyful Eastertide*

Call to Confession

Having defeated sin and conquered death,
the risen Christ beckons to us,

welcoming our confession and promising new life.

Trusting in the promise of the gospel,

let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus,
perfect in every way, compassionate and kind,
faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We
stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling
to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and
they are many. Forgive our failings and encourage
us to start again.**

Declaration of Pardon

Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all
creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

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

Glory to God #583:

Anthem: *Sing with Joy* Mary Caldwell

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People

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.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations.

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. **Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please stand)

Doxology #606: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #360 *Christ is Coming!* v. 1, 4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

First Lesson: Acts 16:16 – 34

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-17, 20-21

Gospel Lesson: John 17:20 – 26.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Widening the Circle* Jonathan Kimball

Communion Hymn #504: *We Come as Guests Invited* vs. 1, 2

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin.
We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time
and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising
you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup
we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and
forever. **Amen**

**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**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Prayer After Communion

Gracious Lord, by whose mercy we have proclaimed in word and sacrament the mystery of thy love: help us so to live our lives that we may show forth thy wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn #772: *Live Into Hope*

Benediction John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

Go in Peace, Live in Love, **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude: *To God Be the Glory* William H. Doane

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