

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service Third Sunday in Lent**

March 8, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Face to Face* Brian Buda

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *I Am Thine, O Lord* Todd Beaney

Introit: *Come Sing with Joy to God* Psalm 95 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!

We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!

Prayer of the Day

God of living water, amid all that parches our souls and drains our hearts of joy, we pray for refreshment and renewal. Fill us with your Holy Spirit until our delight overflows into praise and we cannot contain ourselves, running to tell your good news, alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn #81 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* (stand)

Call to Confession

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Lenten Response #775: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* vs. 1

Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Jake Runestad

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

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 #188

Jesus Loves Me

(seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1 – 7

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1 - 11

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5 - 42

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God.

Thanks be to God. *1 Corinthians 1:23–25*

Sermon:

Kingdom of No Shame

Jonathan Kimball

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever. **Amen.** *Philippians 2:9–11*

Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #716: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* vs. 1 and 3

Prayer of Dedication:

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.

Sending Hymn #36: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Amen.

Psalm 51:1, 11

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me.

Amen.

Mark 8:34

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

Postlude: *In Joyful Praise* David Lasky

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