

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

March 15, 2026

**Pre-Service Music:**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:**

**Introit #803:** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Psalm 23 Choir

**Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day**

We are children of light,

**rejoicing in everything good and right and true.**

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

**In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake,  
and we stand in the light of Christ.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of heaven and earth, in a cloud of confusion, we seek  
revelation. In the face of manipulation, we seek truth. In the  
gloom of regret, we seek new life. Speak to us now; grant us  
intention and tenderness, so that we may witness to your  
work in the world and in us, through Jesus the Christ, our  
healer and hope. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #41** *O Worship the King, All Glories Above*  
(stand)

## **Call to Confession**

How do we know when our actions are right?

**When the fruits of our labors are good and true.**

Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment.

**Let us hold up our sins to Christ's gaze.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

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 Lord is My Shepherd* Allen Pote

**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 #450** *Be Thou My Vision* (seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Samuel 16:1 - 13

**Second Lesson:** Ephesians 5:8 - 14

**Gospel Lesson:** John 9:1 - 41

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

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

**Sermon:** *Seeing Clearly* Susan Murray

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, 9.31*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:** (please be seated)

**Offering #710:** *We Lift Our Voices*

**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 #192:** *Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining* (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:**

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