

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla  
Worship Service Second Sunday of Easter**

April 12, 2026

**Pre-Service Music:** *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* arr. R. Kevin Boesiger

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Peace* Bob Burroughs

**Introit #810:** *When in the Night I Meditate* Psalm 16 Chancel Choir

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**We rejoice, for we are children of God.**

We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love, and as his body, we have received salvation.

**In love and joy, we praise the Lord!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Holy God, we sing your praises. You have brought us new life and freed us for love. Shake us free of anything that inhibits us from living fully as your new creation. Help us to live into your resurrection in relationships mended, wounds healed, communities restored, and wrongs made right, that we might reach for your hand and to witness together, "My Lord and my God!" Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #254:** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (stand)

## **Call to Confession**

God shows us the path of life, offering companionship along the way.

**Therefore we trust in God, knowing that we can admit the ways we struggle to stay on that path.**

**Prayer of Confession Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

**Thanks be to God for such a hope. Alleluia!**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #583:**      *Glory to God*      English, then Latin

**Anthem:**      *Rejoice! The Lord is Risen*      Douglas E. Wagner

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

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

**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:**

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**First Lesson:** Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32

**Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:3 - 9

**Gospel Lesson:** John 20:19 - 31

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Thanks be to God.** 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

**Sermon:**

Susan Murray

All authority and power and dominion to the name that is above all names—Jesus Christ our Lord—now and in the age to come. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:21

**Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

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

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

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #463:** *How Firm a Foundation* (stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** (remain standing)

May the love of the holy triune God—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
abide with you forever.

**Alleluia!**

1 John 4:13–16

Now go forth in Jesus' name,  
remembering his new commandment  
to love one another, just as he has loved us.

**Amen.**

1 John 3:23

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

**Postlude:** Joyful Hymn of Praise Faye Lopez

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