

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

May 3, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Great Are You, Lord* James Koerts

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *For Communion* Gilbert M. Martin

Introit #803: *Make Your Face to Shine* Psalm 31 Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on him we build our lives.

We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts, for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

Prayer of the Day

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony, and often we struggle to hold fast to hope. But in you, we find new courage, new purpose, and new life. By your grace, teach us to live as your Easter people, with mercy, compassion, and justice. Guide us with your light, that in your all-sufficient presence, we might raise our voices in endless praise. Amen.

Opening Hymn #246: *Christ is Alive!* vs. 1, 3, 5 (stand)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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: *I Am the Vine* Paul E. Weber

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #711: *Lord of All Good* vs. 1 (seated)

Prayer of Dedication:

Living 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. 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 7:55 - 60

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Lesson: John 14:1 – 14

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled* Susan Murray

Comm. Hymn #499: *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

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.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

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!

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Teach us to set our minds on the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at your right hand. Make us ready to meet him when he is revealed in glory. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, 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

... Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Sharing of the Cup

... This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Prayer After Communion

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn #634: *To God Be the Glory!* (stand)

Charge and Benediction

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!**

Prelude:

Recessional

Terry Osman

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