# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



April 28, 2024 Worship 10:00 am www.fpcmartinsville.org



# The Worship of God Fifth Sunday of Easter



# Gathering

### The Call of the Carillon

May the carillon bells call us to gather in the sanctuary, entering into a time of silent preparation to encounter the Living God.

Prelude

Choral - Jesus, meine Zuversicht, 13b

Johann Ludwig Krebs

# Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

**Opening Prayer** 

Call to Worship Emily Hill

We come to worship God in our need,

bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts,

we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

and God has promised never to turn us away.

Let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

yet too often we practice pride.

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.

You freely forgave and healed,

yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.

Amen.

### Silent Prayer Kyrie



### Assurance of Pardon —Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who love him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### Thanks be to God!

### • Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Passing of the Peace

# The Word

Prayer for Illumination Emily Hill

First Scripture Reading I John 4: 7-16 Pew Bible: NT p. 226

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Special Music Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand, BuxWV 198

Dietrich Buxtehude

Second Scripture Reading John 15: 1-11 Pew Bible: NT p. 103

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Children's Message Eric Hooker

Sermon Rev. John Erickson

## Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith —from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Response

Breathe on Me. Breath of God

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

# Sending

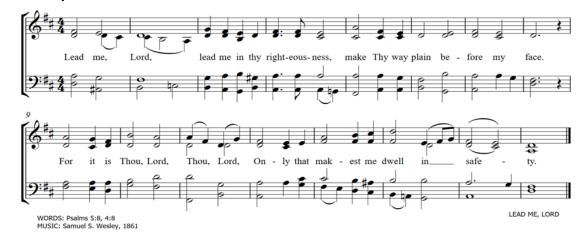
• Hymn Live Into Hope

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### **Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

### Lead Me Lord



**Postlude** 

Praeambulum Supra Jesus, meine Zuversicht, 13a

Johann Ludwig Krebs

(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)

All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor Matt Luca, Music Director / Organist Steve Ward, Media Director