# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



March 17, 2024 Worship 10:00 am www.fpcmartinsville.org



# The Worship of God 5th Sunday in Lent



# 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, Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Ludwig Krebs

# Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome Rev. John Erickson

**Elder Introduction** Doug Bryant - Missions

Remembering our Baptisms

**Opening Prayer** 

**Call to Worship** Lynette Liberge

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,

from Bethany to Jerusalem,

from then to now,

come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,

to mend the brokenhearted,

to comfort the disturbed.

to disturb the comfortable,

to cleanse the temple,

to liberate faith from convention,

come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,

to lead the way,

to shoulder the sin of the world

and take it away,

come, Lord Jesus.

Today, to this place, to us,

come, Lord Jesus.

### Hymn of Praise

Great God. Your Love Has Called Us Here

### Call to Confession —based on Hebrews 4:15-16, NRSV

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses.

In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

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### **Prayer of Confession**

Word of God Incarnate,

you came to this world to accomplish salvation.

By your grace you call us to repent, to be crucified with you,

that we might be raised as new creations.

But we confess that often we do not live as renewed people.

We confess that often we "go with the flow" instead of stemming sin's tide.

Forgive us when we do not show evidence of renewal.

Forgive us when we let the fruit of the Spirit be choked by the weeds of evil.

You have made us your children, members of your kingdom.

Help us to show evidence of that every day

as we work to bring your justice, peace, gentleness, goodness, love, joy, and hope to all we meet.

For Jesus' sake, Amen.

### Silent Prayer

### **Kyrie**



### Assurance of Pardon —Ephesians 2:8, NRSV

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

### In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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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 Lynette Liberge

First Scripture Reading Psalm 51: 10-17 Pew Bible: OT p. 492

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

Special Music Christus, der ist mein Leben BWV 1112 J.S. Bach

Second Scripture Reading John 12: 27-32 Pew Bible: NT p. 100

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

Children's Message Anita Wolfe

Sermon Rev. John Erickson

## Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response When in the Night I Meditate

Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

### Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

# Sending

Hymn of Dedication

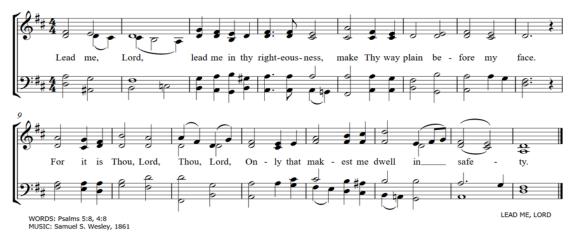
Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Benediction

### **Benediction Response**

### Lead Me Lord



**Postlude** 

Praeludium Supra Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

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