

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



March 17, 2024

Worship 10:00 am

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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

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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.

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

Lord_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

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!

♦ Gloria Patri

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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

Psalms 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

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♦ **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

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

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