

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



March 24, 2024

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Palm Sunday and Communion



### 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

*Hosanna Filio David*, Op. 8 No. 6

Jeanne Demessieux

Austin Hartman - violin

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Mary Sipla

As we are called into worship today,  
it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,  
most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

**Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,  
that we might worship him in truth.**

People of God, behold and see your God!

**We open our eyes to see God's glory.**

We open our ears to hear God's wisdom.

**We open our mouths to sing God's praise.**

We open our hearts to offer God our love.

**All: Let us worship God!**

#### ♦ Hymn of Praise

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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#### Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure.  
Forgive our capricious discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord.  
Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love.  
Enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph,  
suffering and hope, that this week reveals.  
Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning.  
In the name of Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### Silent Prayer

##### *Kyrie*

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*

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**Assurance of Pardon** —based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.”  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.  
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In 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**

Mary Sipla

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 118: 22-29

Pew Bible: OT p. 534

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

**Anthem**

*Hosanna! Blessed Is He Who Comes*

Constantin Dedekind

Choir

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 11: 1-11

Pew Bible: NT p. 44

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

**Children’s Message**

Lynette Liberge

**Sermon**

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ **Hymn of Response**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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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.**

**Call for the Offering**



# Celebration of Communion

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

## Words of Institution

## Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## Sending

### ♦ Hymn of Dedication

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

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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.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

## Postlude

*St. Matthew Passion, BWV 244. LXV. Mache dich, mein Herze, rein*

J.S. Bach

*(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to quietly make your way to Assembly Hall, allowing others to continue their worship.)*

### ♦ All who are able, please stand



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