

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville

Happy
Mothers
Day

May 9, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

6th 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

Ein Feste Burg, BWV 720

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Opening Prayer

Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth (5th verse)

DIX

(please meditate on the verse as the hymn is played)

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Call to Worship

Suzi Horan

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,
who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need;
We come to praise the One who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.
Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

Hymn of Praise

Faith of Our Mothers

insert

(please meditate on the verses as the hymn is played)

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, many of us read these words from Your Holy Word
and are inspired, encouraged, and grateful.
But some of us are tempted to doubt that Your grace
could ever produce these kinds of virtues in our lives.**

**Some of us are tempted by resentment and unforgiveness
because of those who have let us down.**

**Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings,
and all of us remember times when we have fallen short.**

Forgive us for doubt, resentment,
unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes.
Remind us of your forgiveness,
always available in Jesus Christ.

In spite of our failures and sin,
we trust in Your power to transform our lives.
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus,
so that our lives may bring Joy to Your world

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (to be played and not sung)

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

Assurance of Pardon — from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13, NRSV

Can a woman forget her nursing child,
of show no compassion for the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri *(to be played and not sung)*

*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** *(adapted for physical distancing)*

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Suzi Horan

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

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

Special Music

Allemande from Partita in D minor, BWV 1004

J. S. Bach

Children's Message

Eric Hooker

Second Scripture Reading

II Timothy 1: 1-7

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

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ 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, dead and buried;
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose from the dead,
He ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the God, the Father almighty,
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.

Hymn of Response

Spirit Song

insert

(please meditate on the verses as the hymn is played)

Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Benediction Response

Song of Simeon

(please meditate on the verse as the hymn is played)

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world, the Gentile's promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.


Postlude

Magnificat, BWV 733

J. S. Bach

(Please remain seated until after the postlude and streaming. Your pew will be dismissed by an usher.)

♦ *All who are able, please stand*



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Kira Garvie, Music Director / Organist
Anna Ambartsumian, Violin / Voice

MUSIC NOTES

MAY 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day! I thought today was a good day to plan one of my mother's favorite hymns, the Spirit Song. For as long as I can remember, my mother was always singing hymns in the kitchen – and she joked that between five children and preserving all the vegetables from our huge garden she spent a LOT of time in the kitchen! This was one of her favorites songs to sing with us while doing dishes or cooking a meal, and it always reminds me of her. I owe a lot of my love of hymns and my passion for sharing them to her and her constant singing. We always said she had a song for anything, and it was true! She could always pull out a silly song with lyrics to fit any situation, which was something she said her own mother would also do. I am always filled with joy that I get to share music with the congregation in the same vein that she always shared music with me. And still, every Sunday morning as she has since my very first church job, she still tells me to “make a joyful noise!” Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
""Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.""

Refrain:

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with idols and lies,

then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

Refrain:

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

Refrain:

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.

Refrain:

The second hymn was written for Mother's Day in 1920, and mirrors the hymn "Faith of our Fathers." However, it turns the war-like faith of the latter into a gentle yet strong legacy that we owe to the women of the church. And as some of us are learning about the former Women's Groups in our own church, those ladies sure got a lot done around here!

Faith of our mothers, living still,
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee to death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,

Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.