

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



April 12, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Second Sunday of Easter



### Gathering

#### The Call of the Carillon

Let the carillon bells invite us into the sanctuary, where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

#### Prelude

*Prelude in G major Op. 37, No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

The Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering Our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Suzi Horan

Christ is risen and stands among us.

**Peace is spoken into our lives again.**

We come with wonder, with questions, with hope.

**And Christ meets us here—just as we are.**

From the ends of the earth to this very place,  
grace and peace are given to us.

**We open our hearts to the living Christ.**

This is the day the Lord has made—

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### ♦ Hymn

*The Day of Resurrection!*

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#### Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection life,  
**we confess that we do not always live as Easter people.**

We lock our doors—  
against strangers, against risk, against hope itself.  
We cling to certainty when trust feels too costly,  
and we hide our doubts rather than bringing them into  
your light.

We confess that we have resisted your Spirit,  
choosing comfort over courage,  
silence over witness,  
fear over the peace you freely give.

Forgive us, we pray.  
Breathe your Spirit into us again.  
Open what we have closed.  
Softening what we have hardened.  
Send us out as witnesses—not perfect,  
but faithful to the life we have seen and received in  
Christ.  
Amen.

## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie eleison. The score is in 4/4 time, B-flat major, and consists of two staves. The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics: "Lord\_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment (bass clef) features a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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## Assurance of Pardon

The risen Christ comes into locked rooms and fearful hearts  
and speaks a word we do not earn: Peace be with you.

**In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead  
is breathed into us—  
not to condemn, but to restore and send.

**We are forgiven, we are freed, and we are sent in love.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## ◆ 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

Suzi Horan

#### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 16

Pew Bible: OT p.469

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

#### Special Music

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Dutch (arr. Charles Wood)

#### Second Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible: NT p.108

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

#### Children's Message

Mike Marvel

#### Sermon

The Rev. John Erickson



# Responding to the Word

## ◆ Hymn

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

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## ◆ 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 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.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

## ◆ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

# Sending

## ◆ Hymn

*Celebrate with Joy and Singing*

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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

*Meditations on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity (VI)*

Olivier Messiaen

*“In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.” (John 1:4)*

*“The Son is the radiance of the glory of God...” (Hebrews 1:3)*

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

◆ All who are able, please stand



The Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
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