

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



April 14, 2024

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Third 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

Sonatina in C Major, Op. 55-1. I. Allegro

Friedrich Kuhlau

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Opening Prayer

Remembering our Baptisms

Call to Worship —based on Matthew 18:20

Margie Porter

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

For God has liberated us from doubt and fear.

Thankful is the song we sing!

For Christ moves us past darkness and despair.

Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

For the Holy Spirit awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ lives here and now.

He is among us at this and every moment!

All: Let us worship God!

♦ Hymn of Praise

The Day of Resurrection!

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;

new love where we have turned hard-hearted;

forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;

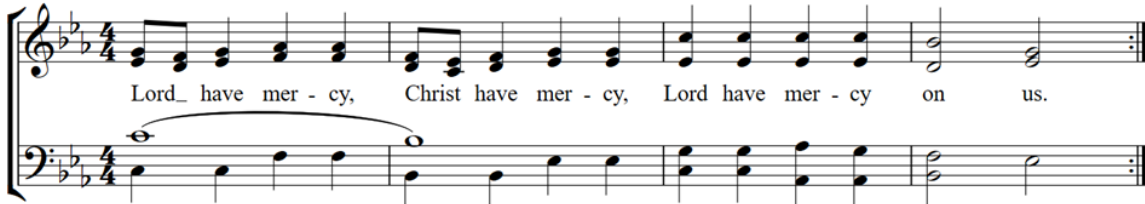
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Guide our feet as we strive to walk in Your way.

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

To all and to each,
on his community and on his friends,
where regret is real,
Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.
Thanks be to God!

♦ *Gloria Patri*

*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

Margie Porter

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 40: 1-5

Pew Bible: OT p. 486

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

Special Music

Vater unser in Himmelreich, BWV 737

J.S. Bach

Children's Message

Cecelia Fornuto

Second Scripture Reading

John 21: 4-17

Pew Bible: NT p. 109

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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

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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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

Sonatina in C Major, Op. 55-1. II. Vivace

Friedrich Kuhlau

(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