

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



April 19, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God Third 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

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defence (Op. 135a, No. 13)

Max Reger

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

The Rev. Gary Kornell

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Betsy Baugh

Holy One, in the name of the Risen Christ, give us new hearts.

In this Easter season, grant us a new spirit.

Holy God, remove from us hearts of stone.

That we may truly worship and serve you.

The Spirit of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship together.

Alleluia! Amen

◆ Hymn

My Life Flows On

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, behold us as the erring people that we are.

Gifted with sight, we miss the glory that surrounds us;

gifted with conscience, we make our peace with sin;

gifted with the power to think, we fall for lies that cater to prejudices;

gifted with imagination, we plod along afraid to imagine, dream and hope;

gifted with the ability to love, we waste our affection on things that do not matter.

Forgive our misuse of the life we have been given, and grant that the very act of confession itself may get us moving in a new direction, lest that despite the glorious news of the risen Christ we gain the world but then lose our souls.

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

The Rev. Gary Kornell

◆ 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

Betsy Baugh

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-19

Pew Bible: OT p.632

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

Special Music

Easter Anthem

William Billings

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah. (from Luke 24:34)

Now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits of them that slept. (1 Corinthians 15:20)
Hallelujah.

And did He rise?
Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.
He rose, He burst the bars of death,
He burst the bars of death (Night Thoughts 4:271-273)
and triumphed o'er the grave.

[Shout, shout, earth and heaven!
This sum of good to man:
Whose nature then took wing,
and mounted with him from the tomb.]
Then I rose,
then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
and seized eternal youth. (Night Thoughts 4:288-293)

Man, all immortal hail, hail,
Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss. (Night Thoughts 4:298-300)

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Pew Bible: NT p.164

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Children's Message

Anita Wolfe

Sermon

The Rev. Gary Kornell

Responding to the Word

◆ Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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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

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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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

Prelude in C major, BWV 531, i

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

◆ All who are able, please stand



The Rev. Gary Kornell
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist
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