

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



April 26, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Fourth 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

*I will not let go of my Jesus (Op. 135a, No. 17)*

Max Reger

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

The Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering Our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Eric Hooker

Christ meets us in the ordinary—  
by the lakeshore, in the work of our hands, in the turning of our  
hearts.

**We come, sometimes weary, sometimes uncertain,  
yet called again into love.**

The risen Christ asks, "Do you love me?"  
not to condemn, but to restore and renew.

**We come to worship the One who lifts us from despair,  
who fills our nets, who calls us by name.**

Let us worship God,  
joining the chorus of heaven and earth:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might,  
honor and glory and blessing!**

#### ◆ Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and searching God,  
you meet us on the road and call our names,  
yet we confess how often we resist your voice.**

**Like Saul, we cling to our certainty  
and fail to see the harm we do.**

**Like Peter, we falter in courage,  
denying you in moments that matter.**

**We turn away from your abundance,  
casting our nets in empty waters,  
forgetting your promise of life.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Turn us around.**

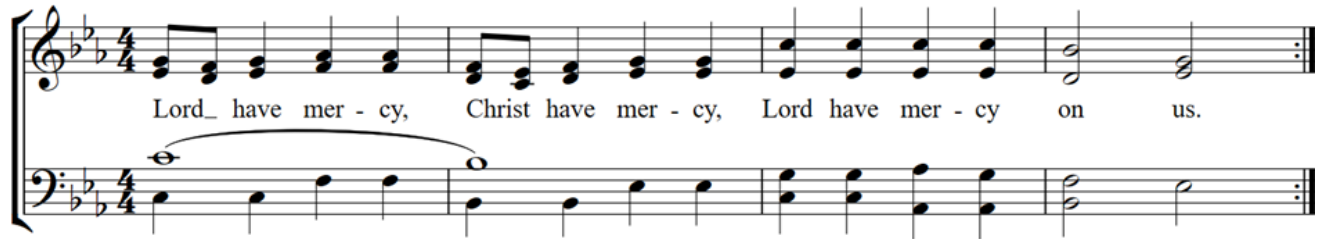
**Open our eyes to your presence—  
in those we have overlooked,  
in truths we have avoided,  
in love we have withheld.**

**Restore us again by your grace,  
that we may follow where you lead,  
and feed your sheep with mercy and justice.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie



WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

The One who calls us also restores us.  
Christ meets us in our failure, not with condemnation, but with love.

**In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again.**

The same voice that spoke to Saul on the road,  
the same grace that restored Peter by the sea,  
now speaks to us:

**We are forgiven. We are loved. We are sent.  
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

Eric Hooker

#### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Pew Bible: OT p.474

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

#### Special Music

*The Lord is My Shepherd* - (Psalm 23)

Elijah Harrison Buerk

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
In the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

#### Second Scripture Reading

*John 10:1-10*

Pew Bible: NT p.97

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

#### Children's Message

Eric Hooker

#### Sermon

The Rev. John Erickson

# Responding to the Word

## ◆ Hymn

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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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 G major, BWV 541, i*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## ◆ All who are able, please stand



The Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist  
Steve Ward, Media Director