

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



July 14, 2024


Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Meditation on Terra Beata

Charles Callahan (1951–2023)

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John VanderZee

Announcements

Margie Porter

Opening Prayer

Rev. John VanderZee

Call to Worship

Margie Porter

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

♦ Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Call to Confession

Rev. John VanderZee

The psalmist testifies:

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. A

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. A

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. A

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. John VanderZee

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

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Assurance of Pardon

Rev. John VanderZee

Hear the good news:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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

Rev. John VanderZee

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Margie Porter

Holy Spirit,

pour out upon us wisdom and understanding,

that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture,

our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Pew Bible: OT p. 557

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

Special Music

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Second Scripture Reading

John 16: 12-15

Pew Bible: NT p. 104

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Children's Message

Marge Lake

Sermon

"The Divine Dance"

Rev. John VanderZee

Responding to the Word

♦ Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

♦ Hymn *All Glory Be to God on High* 133

Call for the Offering

Offertory

♦ Doxology 592

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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* 422

♦ Benediction Rev. John VanderZee

Benediction Response *Lead Me Lord*

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

Postlude *Intrada from Six Variants on "Wondrous Love"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)
(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)

♦ *All who are able, please stand*

Rev. John VanderZee, Guest Pastor
Jaime Carini, Guest Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director