

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



July 7, 2024


Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost and Communion



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

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein

J. S. Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lynette Liberge

We come to worship God in our need,
bringing with us the needs of the world.
We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
and who knows by experience what human life is like.
We come with our faith and with our doubts,
we come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
and God has promised never to turn us away.
Let us worship God.

♦ Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your Ambassadors to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.
Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Lynette Liberge

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 63: 1-8

Pew Bible: OT p. 498

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

Special Music

Bist du bei mir

J. S. Bach

Second Scripture Reading

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

Children's Message

Anita Wolfe

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried;
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty,
from there he will come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

♦ Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

- ♦ Hymn

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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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.

LEAD ME, LORD

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat major, Op. 99

Camille Saint-Saens

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

- ♦ *All who are able, please stand*

Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Wade FitzGerald, Pianist
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