

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville



March 22, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

Prelude on the 130th Psalm (De Profundis)

Elijah Harrison Buerk

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

The Rev. John Erickson

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Margie Porter

God is doing a new thing—
even now it springs forth.
In deserts and dry places,
rivers of mercy begin to flow.
Where grief has lingered,
joy breaks in like morning.
Where love is poured out without counting the cost,
God is present among us.
Come, let us worship the One who makes all things new.
We come to worship God.

◆ Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
you call us into lives of love and courage,
yet we confess how often we hold back.
We cling to what is comfortable,
resist what is costly,
and question what does not benefit us.
Like those who judged the woman's gift,
we measure instead of marvel,
we calculate instead of love.

We dwell on what is behind us—
old regrets, old wounds, old ways—
and we struggle to trust the new thing you are doing.
Forgive us, O God.
Pour your grace into our guarded hearts.
Loosen our grip on what we cannot keep,
and open our lives to what you are making possible.
By your Spirit,
teach us again the way of love—
extravagant, healing, and free.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lord_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

God is not finished with us yet.
The One who makes a way in the wilderness
is even now making a way in us.

In Jesus Christ,
our past does not define us,
our failures do not bind us,
and our future is held in grace.

We are forgiven.
We are renewed.
We are invited into new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

♦ 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

Mary Sipla

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 130
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.542

Special Music

Nunc dimittis

Amy Beach

Second Scripture Reading

John 12:1-8
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.100

Children's Message

Eric Hooker

Sermon

The Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

◆ Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

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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

Let All Things Now Living

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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

From Organ Symphony No. 4: iii. Andante Cantabile

Charles-Marie Widor

(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