

First Presbyterian Church  
of Martinsville



March 8, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God Third 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

*Meditation (from Symphony No. 1)*

Charles-Marie Widor

## Preparing to Hear the Word

### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

### Remembering Our Baptisms

### Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

Addison Massey-Deckard

In the wilderness, God called Moses from a burning bush.

**Holy Presence meets us in unexpected places.**

At a well in Samaria, Jesus spoke of living water.

**Our souls thirst for the God who gives life.**

God sees us, knows us, and calls us by name.

**Nothing in our lives is hidden from the One who loves us.**

Come, all who are thirsty.

**We come to drink from the living water of Christ.**

Let us worship the God who quenches our deepest thirst.

### ◆ Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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### Prayer of Confession

Merciful and searching God,  
You meet us at the wells of our lives  
and offer us living water.

Yet we confess that we often draw from other wells.  
We seek satisfaction in things that cannot sustain us.  
We cling to habits that leave our spirits dry.

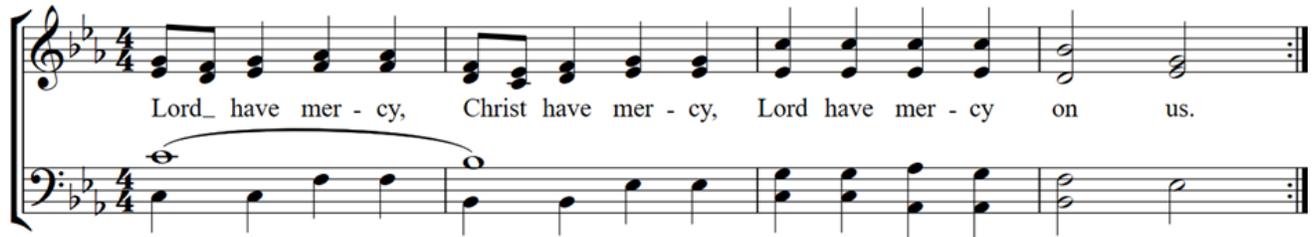
Like your people in the wilderness,  
we grumble instead of trusting your provision.  
We forget the ways you have carried us before.  
You call us into truth,  
yet we hide behind excuses and half-truths.  
You call us into new life,  
yet we fear the change that grace requires.

Forgive us, O God.  
Break open the hard ground of our hearts.  
Give us the courage to face the truth about ourselves  
and the faith to receive the mercy you freely offer.

Let your Spirit become in us a spring of living water,  
overflowing with compassion, justice, and hope.  
Through Jesus Christ, who meets us where we are  
and leads us into life.  
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

Hear the good news. The One who met the Samaritan woman at the well is the same Christ who meets us today.

Jesus did not turn away from her past, and he does not turn away from ours. Instead, he offers living water—grace that renews and restores.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, refreshed, and made new.

**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

#### First Scripture Reading

John 4:1-42

Pew Bible: NT p.89

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

#### Special Music

*Have mercy upon me, O God*

Thomas Tomkins

**Special Text:** Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away all mine offences.

#### Children's Message

Anita Wolfe

#### Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



# Responding to the Word

## ◆ Hymn

*In Christ There is No East or West*

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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

*Take My Life*

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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

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

*Canzon dopo l'epistola*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

- ◆ All who are able, please stand



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