

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville

Happy
Mother's
Day

May 12, 2024

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

7th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day



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

Prelude in C major, BWV 846

J. S. Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Susie Goldsboro

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need;

We come to praise the One who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, many of us read these words from Your Holy Word
and are inspired, encouraged, and grateful.

But some of us are tempted to doubt that Your grace
could ever produce these kinds of virtues in our lives.

Some of us are tempted by resentment and unforgiveness
because of those who have let us down.

Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings,
and all of us remember times when we have fallen short.

Forgive us for doubt, resentment,
unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes.

Remind us of your forgiveness,
always available in Jesus Christ.

In spite of our failures and sin,
we trust in Your power to transform our lives.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus,
so that our lives may bring Joy to Your world.



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 — from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13, NRSV

Can a woman forget her nursing child,
of show no compassion for the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

Susie Goldsboro

First Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-25, 30-35
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p. 557

Special Music

Le Fille aux cheveux de lin

Claude Debussy

Second Scripture Reading

II Timothy 1: 1-7
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p. 199

Children's Message

Lynette Liberge

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

♦ 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 the 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.

Hymn of Response

Faith of Our Mothers

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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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.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

Cornet Voluntary

Anon. (English 18th c.)

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

♦ *All who are able, please stand*



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Wade Fitzgerald, Pianist