

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville



May 3, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter and Communion



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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lynn Hill

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me."

We come with our burdens, seeking peace in Christ.

"In my Father's house are many dwelling places...
I go to prepare a place for you."

We come trusting in the promise of your presence.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

We come through Christ, who leads us to the Father.

Whoever has seen Him has seen the Father.

We come to behold the glory of God in Jesus Christ.

Let us worship the living God.

◆ Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Prayer of Confession

Faithful God,
you call us to trust in you and not be troubled,
yet our hearts are often anxious and afraid.

We confess that we struggle to believe your promises.

**We look for security in what we can control
rather than resting in your care.**

You have shown us the way in Jesus Christ,
yet we wander from His path.

You have spoken the truth,
yet we listen to other voices.

You offer us life,
yet we cling to what cannot satisfy.

Forgive us, Lord.

Draw us back to your Son,
who reveals your heart to us.

Strengthen our faith,
quiet our fears,
and teach us to trust you more deeply.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: 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: Jesus Christ is the way, and the truth, and the life.

He has gone before us
to prepare a place for us,
and through His death and resurrection,
He has opened the way to the Father.

In Him, our sins are forgiven,
our fears are met with peace,
and our hearts find rest.

Thanks be to God!

♦ 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

Lynn Hill

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 68:1-8

Pew Bible: OT p.500

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

Special Music

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, BWV 4
Hymn 110

Johann Sebastian Bach

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Pew Bible: NT p.102

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Children's Message

Rev. John Erickson

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

Be Still My Soul

*see insert

♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ 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, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And 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.**

Call for the 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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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.

Words of Institution

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

- ♦ Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Musical score for the hymn "Lead Me Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Op. 135a, No. 15)

Max Reger

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

- ♦ All who are able, please stand



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