

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



May 4, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

www.fpcmartinsville.org



The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter 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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

J.S. Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lynn Hill

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

All: For the Lord is our God and we are the sheep of his own pasture!

♦ Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

263

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Like the 12 disciples we too falter and fail.

We fall asleep in your presence when we should be wide awake.

Like them, we tend to disappear into the night in fear and uncertainty
when we should stand firm and fast in your truth.

We even at times doubt your resurrection

wishing instead we could feel your wounds and gaze into your eyes.

Where we have failed, forgive us.

Where we have faltered, help us to stand.

May we, like the 12, come to full knowledge of your presence with us in our lives
and at this table.

In your loving name we pray.

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 —Romans 5:1-2, 5, NIV

Since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.
And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.
And hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,
who has been given to us.

Thanks be to God!

♦ **Gloria Patri**

579

*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

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Pew Bible: OT p. 650

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

Special Music

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

Second Scripture Reading

John 21: 1-17

Pew Bible: NT p. 109

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

Children's Message

Pastor John

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ **Hymn**

I Come with Joy

507

♦ **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.

Gathering of Tithes and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ **Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

420

♦ **Benediction**

A Celebration

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-ous-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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lead Me Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Jeremiah Clarke

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

♦ *All who are able, please stand*



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Maria Cusick, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director