

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



October 17, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



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

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Margie Porter

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.

God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.

You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.

God, our Comforter, you are with us always.

You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.

Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.

Let us worship God!

♦ Hymn of Praise

Morning Has Broken

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Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,

we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his.

Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses, and we ask forgiveness.

Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good.

But we close our ears to your call,

and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts you have given us.

Like your servant Paul, we know what you require of us;

yet, like Paul, what we do is not the good we want to do,

and the evil we do not want to do, that evil we keep on doing.

We mistreat those we love, and we dishonor you, the One who made us.

How long, O Lord, will we continue to ignore your will?

Yet you provide streams of living mercy; you invite us again and again to live renewed lives.

So we turn once again to the cross,

to the empty grave, to the stone rolled away,

to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand,

to the gracious gift of your Spirit.



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

Our God pardons our sins and forgives our disobedience.
Our God does not stay angry forever.
Instead, our God delights to show mercy.
Our God again has compassion on us.
Our God tramples our sins underfoot
and hurls our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Give thanks to our God, for our God is good!

Thanks be to God!

♦ *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

Margie Porter

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4: 12-16
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p. 206

Special Music

The Sound of Silence

Children's Message

Marge Lake

Second Scripture Reading

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p. 446

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ 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.

♦ Hymn of Response

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn of Dedication

Be Thou My Vision

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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

(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to quietly make your way to Assembly Hall, allowing others to continue their worship.)

♦ All who are able, please stand

Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Eric Hooker, Guest Pianist

MUSIC NOTES 10/17

MORNING HAS BROKEN

1: Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

2: Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where God's feet pass.

3: Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE

1: Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His
blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2: Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my
sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)

3: Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His
love. *(Refrain)*

BE THOU MY VISION

1: Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2: Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3 :Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.