

First Presbyterian Church  
of Martinsville

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
LENT



March 7, 2021

Worship 10:00 am


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# The Worship of God

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### 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**

*Voluntary*

John Garth  
(1722-1810)

#### **Welcome**

Rev. John Erickson

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Call to Worship** - based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.  
We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.  
Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.  
We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!  
We praise God for the grace that has saved us.  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

#### **Hymn of Praise**

*The Church's One Foundation*

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#### **Prayer of Confession**

God, forgive our doubting, questioning hearts.  
Like the scribes who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing  
and heard his proclamation, yet spurned belief,  
we too have seen wonders, yet have hardened our hearts.  
We confess the many times that our pessimism  
has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit,  
the times that our criticism has wounded others,  
the times that our dejection has dampened the enthusiasm  
of those inspired by your Word and work.  
O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us,  
that with open hearts we may believe  
and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others.  
Amen.

#### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Kyrie**

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*

**Assurance of Pardon** - based on Psalm 91:14-15, NRSV

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them  
and show them my salvation.  
Hear the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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**

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 19

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

**Special Music**

J.S Bach  
(1685-1750)

**Children's Message**

Lynette Liberge

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 2: 13-25

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**Sermon**

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

**Affirmation of Faith** —from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Journey to the Cross**

Hymn of Response

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## Sending

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.

LEAD ME, LORD

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano part features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

Postlude

*Van Gott Will Ich Nicht Lassen*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Kira Garvie, Music Director / Organist  
Brendan Conner, Guest Organist

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system has 5 measures, the second system starts at measure 6 and has 6 measures, and the third system starts at measure 12 and has 6 measures. The lyrics are as follows:

O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end; Be Thou for - ev - er  
O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near; I see the sights that  
O let me hear Thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, A - bove the storms of  
6 O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low Thee that where Thou art in  
near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend; I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my  
daz - zle, The tempt - int sounds I hear; My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with  
pas - sion, the mur - mers of self - will; O speak to re as - sure me, to has - ten or con -  
12 glo - ry there shall Thy ser - vant be; And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised, to serve Thee to the  
side, Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.  
in; But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.  
trol; O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
end; O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode, 1868

Music: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

## The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.



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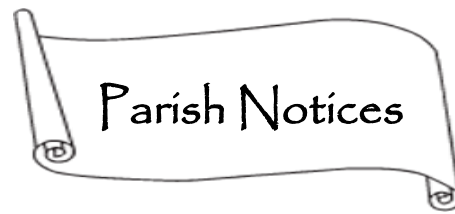
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*Please remember these concerns in your prayers:*

**Our Church Family**

John & Bonnie Ritter

**Extended Family and Friends**

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*March Birthdays*

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