

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



October 13, 2024

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

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury
Claude Debussy

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

The Rev. Timothy D. Jessen

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Mary Sipla

To see the life that teems around us,
To give thanks for the gifts we have received;
To notice the beauty and promise of autumn;
To breathe deeply of the season;
To accept the gifts of love, peace, and hope;
This is to worship God. Let us worship together on this Lord's day!

♦ Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51, adapted)

**Have mercy upon us, O God according to your steadfast love;
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we acknowledge our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
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

♦ **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

Mary Sipla

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 62: 1-8

Pew Bible: OT p. 498

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

Special Music

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Martin Luther

Pelagia Pamel, Kathleen Simunek, Asher Ramaly, Ethan Sanchez

Second Scripture Readings

Leviticus 23: 26-32

Pew Bible: OT p. 106

Matthew 16:1-4

Pew Bible: NT p. 17

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Children's Message

Marge Lake

Sermon

"For Such a Time as This"

The Rev. Timothy D. Jessen

Text: For if you keep silence at such a time as this,
relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter,
but you and your father's house will perish.

And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

- Esther 4:14



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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* 420

Call for the Offering

Offertory

♦ Doxology 592

*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.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn of Dedication *Great is Thy Faithfulness* 276

♦ Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Musical score for "Lead Me Lord" in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. 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

To Be Free

Eddie Smith

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

♦ All who are able, please stand

Rev. Timothy D. Jessen, Guest Pastor
Betsy Baugh, Pianist
Steve Ward, Media Director