

First Presbyterian Church  
of Martinsville



October 2, 2022

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to our friends from the Chin Community!

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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

*Prelude in C Minor, BWV 549*

J.S. Bach

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship —from Psalm 95:6-7; 133, NRSV

Suzi Horan

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Come, let us all worship and bow down together,

**let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

#### ♦ Hymn of Praise

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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#### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, author of mercy, foundation of grace:**

**You have called us to one table,  
but we have pursued our own course.**

**You have promised us the abundance of all creation,  
but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.**

**You have promised us the bread of life itself,  
but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.**

**You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,  
but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.**

**And now we are famished, too, Lord.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, again.**

**Transform us, at this table, and for this table,  
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,  
by the power of your Son, our Lord.**

**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

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.  
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.  
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.  
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things,  
and by the abundance of God's grace,  
and by the power of God's love,  
your sins have been forgiven.

**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

Suzi Horan

#### First Scripture Reading

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

#### Special Music

Saing Em Mawi

#### Second Scripture Reading

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

#### Children's Message

Lynette Liberge

#### Sermon

Tha Maug

### Responding to the Word

#### ♦ Song of Response

Chin Community

#### ♦ 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**

- Offeratory
- ♦ 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.

**Celebration of Communion**

**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.

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Sending**

- ♦ Hymn of Dedication

*The Church's One Foundation*

- ♦ 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.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

**Postlude**

*Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549*

J.S. Bach

*(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  
Matt Luca - Music Director / Organist  
Steve Ward - Media Director