

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville

**FOR GOD ALONE
MY SOUL WAITS IN SILENCE
FOR MY HOPE
IS FROM HIM**

PSALM 62:5

September 12, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Sixteenth 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

Fugue

Anonymous 18th century American

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lynn Hill

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to each other and to God,

whom we worship in this hour and all the days of our lives.

♦ Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

150

Call to Confession

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs,
but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace.
Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,
to strengthen our will and desire to grow more each day
into the image of Christ.**

We confess that we fear what is different.

**We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community
than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love,
or vote the way we vote.**

**We confess that we have not lived out your call
to share in abundant life and unconditional love.**

**We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way
of living and we ask you to do that.**

We ask you to give us the courage to change.

**We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination,
and love to be your people in all we say and do.**

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 Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News:

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us,

not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen.

♦ *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

Lynn Hill

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 62

Pew Bible: OT p. 498

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

Special Music

Song of Simeon

Orlando do Lassus

Soloist: Anna Ambartsumian

Children's Message

Marge Lake

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 18-25

Pew Bible: NT p. 148

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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.

Anniversary Moments

- ♦ Hymn of Response *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* 425

Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

- ♦ Hymn of Dedication *Christ of the Upward Way* 344

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

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

Postlude

Raindrop Prelude

Frederic Chopin

(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
Kira Garvie, Music Director / Organist