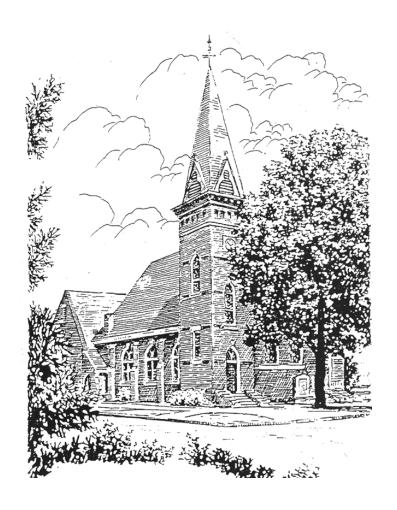
First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



September 17, 2023 Worship 10:00 am www.fpcmartinsville.org



The Worship of God Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Sonata in E Major, Hob XVI, No. 13. I. Moderato

Franz Joseph Haydn

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome Lynette Liberge

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

Hymn of Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us.

You know not only what we say, but also what we think.

You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said.

You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves

because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart,

boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments.

You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves

even when we have turned our backs on you,

fascinating ourselves with idols and lesser gods

whose calling we heed while ignoring your own.

Gracious God, forgive us, correct us, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Silent Prayer

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon —based on 2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV

May almighty God,

who caused light to shine out of darkness,

shine in our hearts,

cleansing us from all our sins,

and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory,

in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Sermon

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

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Prayer for Illumination		Lynette Liberge
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 111 This is the word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Pew Bible: OT p. 531
Special Music	Sonata in E Major, Hob XVI, No. 13. II. Menuet	Franz Joseph Haydn
Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 18: 21-35 This is the word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Pew Bible: NT p. 19
Children's Message		Eric Hooker

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

Hymn of Dedication

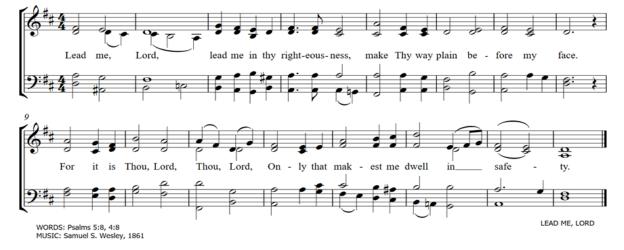
O Jesus, I have Promised

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord



Postlude

Sonata in E Major, Hob XVI, No. 13. III. Presto

Franz Joseph Haydn

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

• All who are able, please stand



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