

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



August 10, 2025


Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Ninth 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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Addison Massey-Deckard

Come, almighty King,
 and help us your name to sing,
 for you are a God of love.
Come, incarnate Word,
 and make known your wonders to our souls,
 for you are a God of grace.
Come, holy Comforter,
 and bear witness within every heart that we belong to you,
 for you are a God who creates fellowship.
Come, triune God,
 that we might love and adore you all the days of our lives.
Let us worship the great Three in One!

Hymn of Praise

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
 we praise you as the God of love and life.
Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,
 we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.
We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.
We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us.
We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other
 as we gather around your Word.
Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully
 in the unity you desire.
Through Christ, 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 - based Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but we have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

In Jesus, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

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		Addison Massey-Deckard
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 40: 1-8, 16-17 This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Pew Bible: OT p. 486
Special Music	<i>Adagio in E Major</i>	Frank Bridge
Second Scripture Reading	Isaiah 1: 10-18 This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Pew Bible: OT p. 593
Children’s Message		Mike Marvel
Sermon		Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

O God of Earth and Altar

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♦ **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, dead and buried;
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose from the dead,
He ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the God, the Father almighty,
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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ **Hymn**

O for a World

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♦ **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

Carillon

Louis Vierne

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

♦ *All who are able, please stand*



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Maria Cusick - Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director