

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



August 2, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion



Gathering

The Call of the Carillon

Let the carillon bells invite us into the sanctuary, where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

Prelude

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

"He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him." (John 6:56)

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Beckett Hartman

Come, all who hunger and thirst, all who are weary from carrying too much. God invites us to a table where grace is freely given.

We come, trusting that God welcomes us with love and fills us with good things.

Come and receive the gift of new life. The Holy One calls us away from fear and into the freedom of abundant grace.

We come to be renewed, trusting that God's mercy is enough for every day.

Come and discover the love that multiplies like loaves and fishes—love that is shared, never diminished; love that leaves room for everyone.

We come to receive God's love and to become bread for a hungry world.

Come, then, to worship the One who calls us, feeds us, renews us, and sends us forth in peace.

Let us worship God with grateful hearts!

♦ Hymn

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You invite us to your table with hands full of grace,
yet we often live as though there will never be enough.
We cling tightly to what we have instead of trusting your abundance.
We allow fear to shape our choices more than faith,
and we fail to see our neighbors as sisters and brothers with whom
your gifts are meant to be shared.

Forgive us, O God.

Open our eyes to your generosity,
soften our hearts with your love,
and teach us to live with hopeful and open hands.
Renew us by your Spirit, that we may reflect the
abundance of your kingdom; 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

Friends, hear the good news:

God is rich in mercy and generous in love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and welcomed again to God's table.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven and made new.

Receive the gift of God's grace. Live with hopeful hearts, generous spirits, and confident faith.

- ♦ **Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; 579*
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

Beckett Hartman

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Pew Bible: OT p.644

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

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Pew Bible: NT p.15

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

Children's Message

Austin Hartman

♦ **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.**

♦ **Hymn**

We Gather Here In Jesus' Name

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Call for the Offering

Offertory

♦ 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.*

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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.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

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.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me - verses 1,4,5

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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

Sortie V from Heures Mystiques, Op. 30

Leon Boëllman

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

♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist
Anderson Hartman / Media Director