

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



August 31, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Susie Goldsboro

This is the day the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let us worship and bow down.

**Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

**All: For the Lord is our God and we are the sheep of his own pasture!**

#### Hymn of Praise

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, like the 12 disciples we too falter and fail.

We fall asleep in your presence when we should be wide awake.

Like them, we tend to disappear into the night

in fear and uncertainty when we should stand firm and fast in your truth.

We even at times doubt your resurrection

wishing instead we could feel your wounds and gaze into your eyes.

Where we have failed, forgive us.

Where we have faltered, help us to stand.

May we, like the 12, come to full knowledge of your presence

with us in our lives and at this table.

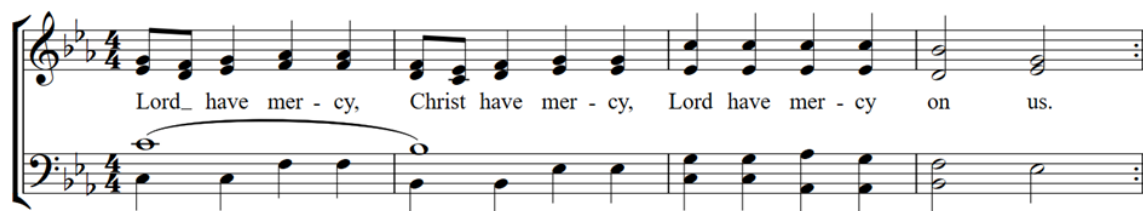
In your loving name we pray.

Amen.

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## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie



WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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## Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus  
we are assured that there is no sin that God cannot forgive, no hurt God cannot heal.  
God accepts, God forgives, God sets free.  
Receive the eternal and grace filled love of God in this moment  
and all the moments of your lives.  
In Jesus Christ we are 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

## Moment for Mission

Susan Haynes - Director  
Brian Wiser - President of the Board

## The Word

## Prayer for Illumination

Susie Goldsboro

## First Scripture Reading

Psalms 81: 10-16

Pew Bible: OT p. 512

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

## Special Music

## Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Pew Bible: OT p. 657

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

## Children's Message

Eric Hooker

## Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

## Responding to the Word

## Hymn of Response

*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

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## Responding to the Word

### ♦ 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.

### Gathering of Tithes and 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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### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## Sending

### ♦ Hymn

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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### ♦ Benediction

### Benediction Response

#### Lead Me Lord

The musical score for 'Lead Me Lord' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face.' The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

### Postlude

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

### ♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Laura Barco, Guest Musician  
Steve Ward, Media Director