

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



August 9, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

2 Short pieces in Medieval Style: No. 2

Jean Langlais

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Hannelies Hartman

Come, you who have joy in your hearts, and you who are carrying heavy burdens.

We come seeking the presence of God.

When the winds of life are calm, God is with us.

When the storms of life arise, God is with us.

When fear clouds our vision and hope seems distant, Christ comes near, saying, "Take heart. Do not be afraid."

We open our hearts to Christ's presence among us.

Come, let us worship the One whose love is steadfast, whose mercy never fails, and whose presence is our peace.

Let us worship God with grateful hearts!

♦ **Hymn**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you come near to us more often than we realize, yet we fail to recognize your presence.
When fear overtakes us, we lose sight of your love.
When uncertainty surrounds us, we trust our worries more than your promises.
We become consumed by the wind and the waves instead of looking to Christ.

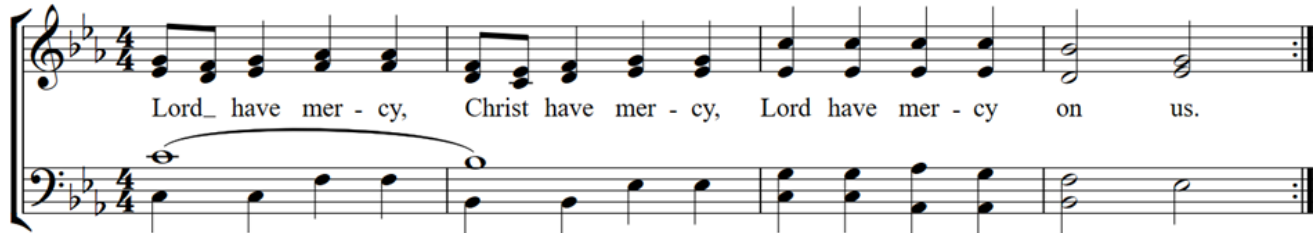
Forgive us when anxiety keeps us from hope, when fear keeps us from compassion, and when doubt keeps us from trusting that you are already at work among us.
Open our eyes to see your presence, open our hearts to receive your peace, and strengthen us to follow wherever Christ leads.

In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.



Slent 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

Hear the good news.

Christ comes to us not with condemnation, but with grace. Even before we call, Christ is drawing near, saying, "Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The God who is faithful does not abandon us in our fear but meets us with mercy, restores us with love, and leads us in hope.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

- ♦ **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

Hannelies Hartman

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 85:8-13
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.514

Special Music

3 Pièces pour grand orgue: ii. Cantabile

César Franck

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.15

Children's Message

Lynette Liberge

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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♦ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

-from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV

Gathering of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

♦ Doxology

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*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.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

My Life Flows On - How Can I Keep from Singing?

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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.

LEAD ME, LORD

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

Postlude

Voluntary

Samuel P. Jackson

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

♦ All who are able, please stand



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