

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



February 8, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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

He who allows dear God to rule, Op. 135a, No. 28

Max Reger

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Susie Goldsboro

Holy One, you call to us from shores and open waters,
from crowded boats and ordinary days.

You call us by name and invite us into your work of love.

When we feel unworthy, you cleanse and send us.

When we feel afraid, you speak: Do not be afraid.

When we feel empty, you fill our nets with grace.

**Come, let us worship the God whose glory fills the earth, whose
mercy meets us here, and whose call still echoes in our lives.**

♦ Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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Prayer of Confession

God of holiness and compassion, we confess that we often resist your call. Like your Prophets, we are aware of our unclean lips and the brokenness of our world—yet instead of trusting your mercy, we shrink back in fear or hide in silence.

Like the disciples by the lake, we doubt that our small efforts matter. We cling to what is safe and familiar rather than casting our nets into deeper waters. We forget that your abundance exceeds our imagination.

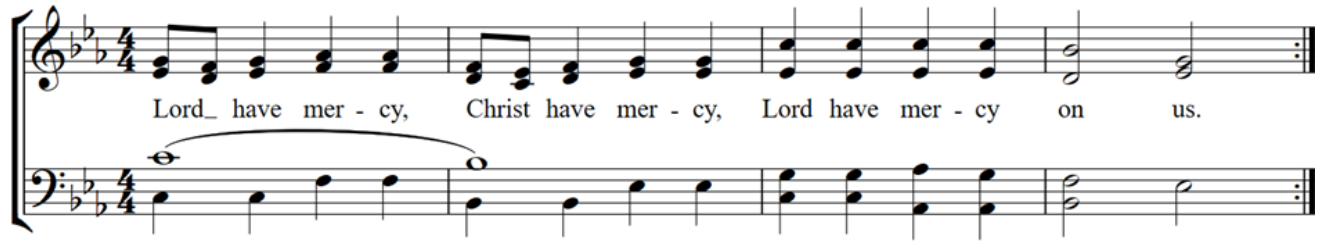
We confess that we have ignored your call to justice, to mercy, to humility. We have turned away from neighbors in need, from the work of reconciliation, from the courage of discipleship.

Forgive us, O God.

Touch our lives with your cleansing grace. Still our fears. Open our ears to hear your call again. By your Spirit, make us ready to say, “Here am I; send me.” 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

Hear the good news:
The God who calls us is the God who forgives us.
When Isaiah confessed, a coal of mercy touched his lips.
When Simon Peter fell in fear, Christ spoke peace.
When we falter, grace meets us still.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called anew.
Do not be afraid.
Your sins are forgiven.
You are set free to follow in love and service.

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

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Susie Goldsboro

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 111

Pew Bible: OT p.531

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

Special Music

The grace of God cannot be fixed

Thurlow Weed

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible: NT p.4

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

Children's Message

Austin Hartman

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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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 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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-ous-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

He who allows dear God to rule, BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director