

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



July 19, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Eighth 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

Introductory Voluntary

Francis Linley

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Mary Sipla

O Lord, You have searched us and known us.
You know our sitting down and our rising up.

Wherever we go, Your Spirit is with us.

Your love surrounds us behind and before.

The One who formed us still tends the garden of creation with patience and hope.

God does not abandon the field because weeds have appeared.

God continues to nurture the wheat toward fullness of life.

Come, then, not in fear, but in trust.

We come to worship the God who knows us completely,

loves us faithfully, and is bringing all creation to its promised harvest.

♦ Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
You know us better than we know ourselves.
You see the motives we hide,
the judgments we make,
the impatience that grows within us,
and the ways we fail to trust Your timing.

Too often we are quick to separate people into saints and sinners,
friends and enemies,
worthy and unworthy.

We long for easy answers and immediate justice,
forgetting how often we ourselves depend upon Your mercy.

Forgive us when we spend more energy identifying weeds
than cultivating the fruits of Your Spirit.

Forgive us when fear crowds out compassion,
when certainty replaces humility,

and when we fail to remember that every person is known and loved by You.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

Test us and know our anxious thoughts.

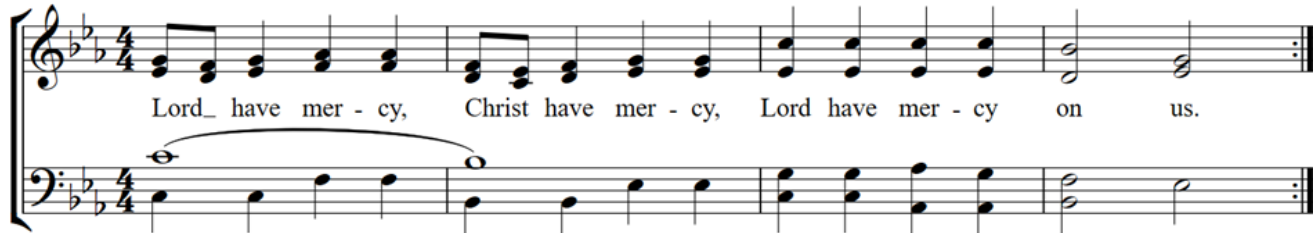
Lead us away from all that diminishes life,
and guide us in Your everlasting way.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

The God who searches our hearts is also the God who delights in showing mercy.
In Jesus Christ, we are not abandoned to our failures or condemned by our shortcomings.
Instead, we are forgiven, restored, and invited to grow in grace.

The One who knows us completely loves us completely.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are being made new day by day.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

♦ **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

Mary Sipla

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.545

Special Music

Passacaglia

Andre Raison

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.14

Children's Message

Rev. John Erickson

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed

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.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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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

Fugue in A

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

(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