

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



July 21, 2024


Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

J. S. Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 100, NIV

Lynn Hill

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

All: Let us worship God.

♦ Hymn of Praise

Let All Things Now Living

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Call to Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins before almighty God.

Prayer of Confession —based on Our World Belongs to God, st. 40

**God of grace, we grieve that the church,
which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling,
has become a broken communion in a broken world.
The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,
but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another,
and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.
Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work,
that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.
Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves
to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.
In his name, Amen.**



Silent Prayer
Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lord_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us." The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a melodic line in the treble clef.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

*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

Lynn Hill

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Pew Bible: OT p. 474

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

Special Music

Intermezzo in A major, Op. 118 no. 2

Johannes Brahms

Second Scripture Reading

Philemon

Pew Bible: NT p. 203

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

Children's Message

Lynette Liberge

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

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 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.

♦ Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

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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

Improvisation

Wade FitzGerald

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

♦ *All who are able, please stand*

Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Wade FitzGerald, Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director