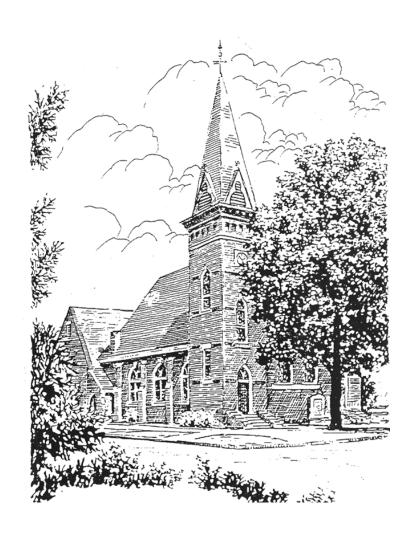
First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



July 21, 2024 Worship 10:00 am www.fpcmartinsville.org



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.

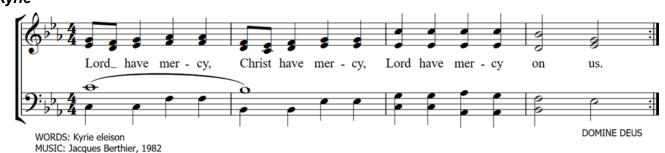
Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves

to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.

In his name, Amen.



Silent Prayer *Kyrie*



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 This is the word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Pew Bible: OT p. 474
Special Music	Intermezzo in A major, Op. 118 no. 2	Johannes Brahms
Second Scripture Reading	Philemon This is the word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Pew Bible: NT p. 203

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 339

Call for the Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

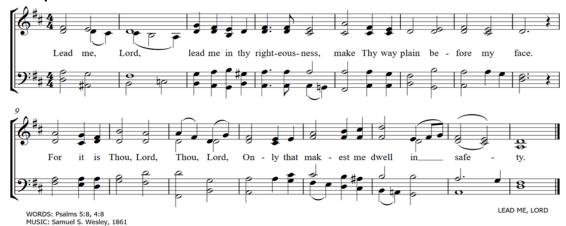
Sending

Now Thank We All Our God 555 Hymn

Benediction

Benediction Response





Wade FitzGerald **Postlude** Improvisation

Steve Ward, Media Director

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

All who are able, please stand

