

First Presbyterian Church  
of Martinsville

Happy  
FATHERS  
Day

June 21, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Fourth 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

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Suzi Horan

Come, let us remember the story that has made us who we are.  
We were not always free. We have known wandering and exile, bondage and fear,  
loss and hope.

**Yet God has remained faithful. The One who brought Israel into a land of promise  
continues to bring people from death to life, from despair to hope, from captivity  
into freedom.**

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for those who have nurtured us in faith,  
for those whose love reflected God's compassion, and for those whose memory still blesses us.

**As we remember Juneteenth, we celebrate the long work of liberation,  
giving thanks that God's justice is never silenced, and God's promise of freedom  
continues to call the world toward righteousness.**

**Enter these gates with thanksgiving and these courts with praise.  
Come, let us worship the Lord.**

#### ◆ Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Faithful God,  
You have given us stories to remember, yet we are quick to forget.  
We forget the ways you have delivered us.  
We overlook the suffering of our neighbors.  
We celebrate our freedom while ignoring those who still live under burdens of  
poverty, prejudice, violence, and despair.

**We confess that we have not always honored those who came before us,  
nor have we faithfully prepared the way for those who will come after us.**

**Like the people who feared the freedom you gave to the man once possessed,  
we sometimes prefer what is familiar to what your grace can accomplish.  
We resist the transformation you offer because it asks us to change.**

**Forgive us. Restore in us grateful hearts. Teach us to remember with humility,  
to serve with compassion, and to become instruments of your healing and peace.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## Slent Prayer

### Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie eleison. The score is in 4/4 time, B-flat major, and consists of two staves. The lyrics are: Lord\_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us. The music features a simple melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

The God who delivered Israel from slavery,  
who restored the broken,  
and who set the captive free,  
has not abandoned the work of redemption.

In Jesus Christ,  
our sins are forgiven, our shame is removed, and we are called into new life.  
We do not live captive to yesterday, for God's mercy is new every morning.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made free to love, to serve,  
and to bear witness to the grace that has found us.

Friends, believe the good news:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**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

Suzi Horan

#### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

Pew Bible: OT p.521

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

#### Special Music

#### Second Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:5-11

Pew Bible: OT p.174

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

#### Children's Message

Rev. John Erickson

#### Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



# Responding to the Word

◆ Hymn

*Faith of Our Fathers*

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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

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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

*We Are Marching in the Light of 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lead Me Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

## Postlude

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

◆ *All who are able, please stand*



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Guest Music Director / Organist  
Anderson Hartman / Media Director