

First Presbyterian Church  
of Martinsville



Trinity  
Sunday

May 31, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Trinity Sunday



### 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

*Arabesque, Op. 31 No. 15*

Louis Vierne

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Susie Goldsboro

Before the mountains were formed and before the stars filled the heavens, divine love already was.

**We come to rejoice in the mystery of God's eternal love.**

In Christ, we see that power is expressed through service, mercy, and self-giving love.

**We come to follow the way of Jesus.**

Through the Holy Spirit, God gathers people of every nation, language, and generation into one family.

**We come as one people, united in grace.**

Let us worship the Triune God, whose love creates us, reconciles us, and calls us into communion.

**Let us worship God with glad and grateful hearts.**

#### ◆ Hymn

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God,

You created us for relationship—with you, with one another, and with all creation. Yet we confess that we often choose division instead of reconciliation, judgment instead of mercy, and control instead of love.

Too often we seek power rather than service and comfort without discipleship. We confess that we have failed to see your image in our neighbors and have neglected opportunities to be agents of peace and healing.

Forgive us when we use faith to build walls rather than bridges. Forgive us when fear keeps us from loving boldly. Forgive us when we forget that Christ is present among us, calling us toward compassion, justice, and humility.

Renew us by your Spirit. Draw us more deeply into your life of love, that our words and actions may reflect your grace in the world. Through Christ our Lord we pray.

Amen.

**Slent Prayer**  
**Kyrie**

Musical score for Kyrie eleison. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: Lord\_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us. The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news:

The God who created us in love does not abandon us in our weakness.  
The Christ who calls us to discipleship also extends mercy.  
The Holy Spirit continues to renew and restore all who turn toward God.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, and made new.  
We are invited again into the life of grace and peace.

**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**

Susie Goldsboro

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 8  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.466

**Special Music**

*The Composer's Aria*  
(*“Sein wir wieder gut”*) from *Ariadne auf Naxos*

Richard Strauss

**Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.32

**Children's Message**

Mike Marvel

**Sermon**

Rev. John Erickson



# Responding to the Word

◆ Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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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 *Canto de Esperanza, Song of Hope*

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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, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 557*  
(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)

Johann Sebastian Bach

◆ All who are able, please stand



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