

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville



October 4, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion



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

Légende

Louis Vierne

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Hannelies Hartman

Come, from every nation and every people.

We come to worship the God who gathers us all.

Come with the languages we speak, the traditions we carry, and the stories that have shaped us.

We come as we are, and we come together.

Around Christ's table, there is room for all.

Here we are one body, one people, one family of faith.

Let us worship the God whose love reaches across every boundary and calls us into peace.

With joy and gratitude, let us worship God.

♦ Hymn

O God of Every Nation

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We confess that we have too often imagined your people to be smaller than they are.

We have drawn lines between ourselves and others.

We have allowed language, culture, nationality, denomination, race, tradition, and difference to become reasons for separation rather than opportunities to know one another.

We have sometimes mistaken our own way of worshiping you for the only way, and our own understanding for the whole truth.

Forgive us when we forget that your church is larger than our congregation, our denomination, or our nation.

Forgive us when we fail to recognize Christ in those whose lives and experiences are different from our own.

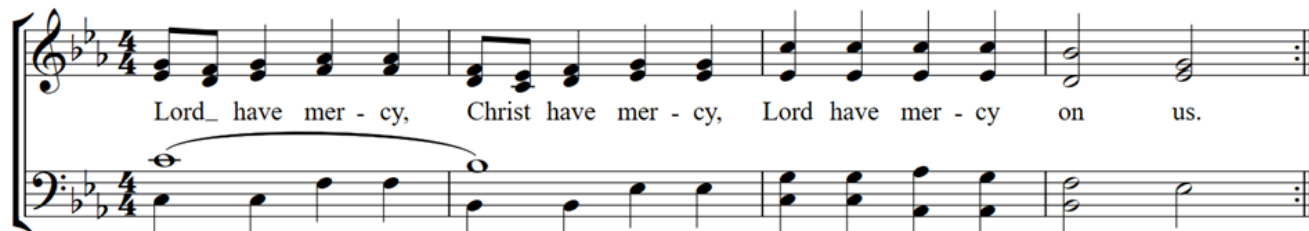
Gather us again into the unity you desire—not a unity that erases our differences, but one that teaches us to receive one another as sisters and brothers.

Make us people who seek peace, practice welcome, and live as one body in the world.

Amen.

Silent 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 grace of God is not confined by borders, languages, traditions, or human divisions. In Christ, God is reconciling and gathering people from every corner of the earth.

We are forgiven, reconciled, and welcomed into the household of God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: God's grace is greater than the divisions we create, and Christ's table has room for us all.

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

Hannelies Hartman

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible: OT p.613

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

Special Music

Sanctus ("Hope is the thing with feathers") (see insert)
from Requiem based on the poetry of Emily Dickinson - Elijah Harrison Buerk

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:14-17

Pew Bible: NT p.161

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Children's Message

Anita Wolfe

♦ Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ 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, 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.**

Call for the 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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♦ Hymn

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

This Is My Song

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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.

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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

Jesu, Saviour, heed my greeting! (Variation XI)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

♦ All who are able, please stand



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