

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



September 21, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Fifteenth 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

Meditation (from Symphony No. 1)

Charles-Marie Widor

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Doug Bryant

We gather to give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord,
who strengthens us and calls us into service.

Once we were lost, but in Christ we have received mercy.

The grace of our Lord overflowed for us
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

To the Sovereign of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God—

All: Be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen

♦ Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, hear us when we call.

You are the one who gives us room when we are distressed,
yet we have turned away from you.

Too often we chase after vain things
and put our trust in what cannot save.

You call us to be still, to ponder your goodness,
but we are restless, anxious, and quick to anger.

You ask for right sacrifices,
yet we offer you only part of our hearts.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Shine the light of your face upon us,
and put gladness in our hearts again.

In your mercy, make us lie down in peace and trust,
for you alone, O Lord, make us dwell in safety.

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

Beloved in Christ, the Lord hears us when we call.
God's face shines upon us with mercy and peace.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

♦ Gloria Patri

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*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

Doug Bryant

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 10: 1-9, 15-18
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.467

Special Music

O Saving Victim

Charles Gounod

Second Scripture Reading

John 15:11-32
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.103

Children's Message

Austin Hartman

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

- ♦ Hymn

When in the Night I Meditate

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- ♦ 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.

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

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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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.

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

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

Alone to God in the Highest be Glory

Max Rege

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

- ♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director