

WELCOME

If you are a visitor or newcomer, our first hope is that you will experience God's love and care. Our second hope is that you will also experience our love and care. Some of us are shy and quiet. Others of us are bold and outgoing. Yet, in all our ways we want to say:
"YOU ARE WELCOME!"

OUR OFFERING

Offering gifts to God's service is an integral part of our worship. Many people at St. Martin's have chosen to make their offering by post-dated cheque or PAR. Others prefer weekly offering envelopes. Visitors and guest should not feel obligated to share in our offering, but may do so using the envelope in the back of the hymn book.

MUSIC

At St. Martin's we are richly blessed by many fine musicians. We encourage you to acknowledge their contributions to worship through silence, or when impelled by the Spirit, through applause.

OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bob McPherson - Chair of the Board
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Keith Hall - Youth, Young Adults, Newcomer Relations,
Volunteers & Pastoral Care
Darren Wooff – Children's Ministry & Outreach
Betty Lou Agnew - Organist
Cara Wilson & Tara Gallant - Handbell Choir
Pat Sonntag & Erin Tempel - Contemporary Singers
Alayna Moxness – 9:30 am Pianist
Betty Lou Curtis & Mars Zhao - Sanctuary Choir
Lori Cline Flath – Band Together
Andrea Pittman & Donna Thiessen – Little Voices United



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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community
that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Theme Song "This Little Light of Mine" SA 76
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine ...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine ...

Words of Welcome

Fellowship Bells "Bell Boogie" by James C. Smith

Community News

Invitation to Worship

They say Christmas is the season to be merry.

Sure. Christmas is the promise of good news.

But Easter is the fulfillment of the promise.

Because of Easter, new life is no longer just a promise.

Easter is an empty tomb.

Easter is the risen Christ.

So come, let us be merry.

Let us worship and give thanks.

Gathering Prayer

God of Easter joys as of Lenten sorrows, we offer our thanksgiving for your many blessings and mercies. Join us, according to your promise, and teach us how to live, how to love, how to give, how to forgive, all in a way that expresses our gratitude to you, through Jesus of Nazareth, who for us is Christ. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Lifting our Voices in Song

“This Is the Day” MV 122

Story Time with Darren

Children are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

Merciful God, we have not always lived up to our own hopes for ourselves, never mind yours. We are grateful for your patience and forbearance, and we pray you to fill us with your Spirit, that we may at all times be our best selves. Amen.

Listening for God’s Word: Psalm 116: 1-2, 5-7, 12-19

Sung Refrain:

How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me. R**

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the Lord,
**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people. R**

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord! R

Band Together

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Jesus Bids Us Shine” VU 585

Covenanting with the Ministry by Phone

The church recognizes the diverse gifts of its members,
and celebrates the particular ministry of each person.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

We are all Christ’s body, and each one is part of it.

Statement of Purpose

Promises of the Ministry-by-Phone Volunteers

You have heard God’s call to the ministry by Phone.

Having prayerfully considered the responsibilities of this ministry, do you willingly give of your time and talents in the service of Christ's church?

I do.

Will you offer your best and exercise your ministry faithfully?

I will, God being my helper.

Promises of the Congregation

You have heard those who have answered God's call to this ministry.

Let us pledge to them our support.

We celebrate your gifts. We promise to honour the Ministry by Phone and to support you with prayer and encouragement, that together we may be a caring community of faith.

Let us pray:

Loving God, send your Spirit upon these workers in your name and upon all of us, that we may reflect your love and grace always.

Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory Fellowship Bells

"I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Tammy Waldrop

Offering Song "Ev'ry Day" MV 185

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

God, you've been so good to me.

Ev'ry day you're blessing me.

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

I will glorify you, O my God, today!

Praying for Others and Ourselves & The Prayer of Jesus

Lifting our Voices in Song

"Dance with the Spirit" MV 156

Words of Blessing

Sung Blessing "This Joy I Have" SA 73

This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me. (x3)
The world didn't give it, and the world can't take it away.
(Sung twice)