

## 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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**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.

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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017, 9:30 a.m.**

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Community News**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **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 ...

### **Invitation to Worship**

Bread and wine.

### **Harvest of the field, fruit of the vine.**

Symbols of a new covenant.

### **Bread of life, cup of blessing.**

Let us prepare to come together to this table.

**Together, we join in song and prayer and thanksgiving.**

### **Gathering Prayer**

Loving God, you ask so little of us. And yet so much. To love our neighbours. To do unto others. We know that doing good work makes us feel good. And loving others helps us love ourselves. Why, then, is it so often so difficult? In this time together and in the meal we share, help us, we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

### Lifting our Voices in Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” VU 315 vs 1 and 4

### Story Time with Darren

### Children are Invited Downstairs

### Prayer of Reconciliation

The snow is finally receded, God, and we thank you that the time of spring is upon us. It is a time of new life and new beginnings. May we take this time to renew our commitment to you and your son Jesus. Many of us need renewal in our lives; so that our lives may better reflect the direction you would have us go. Through what we say and do here today may we be born anew to the life you offer us. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen

### Lifting our Voices in Song

“Glory to God” VU 37

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

### Listening for God’s Word: John 10:1-10

#### Jesus the Good Shepherd

**10** “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

**7** So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### Sanctuary Choir “We Gather At Your Table Lord”

### Response to the Reading

### Lifting our Voices in Song

“Bread of Life” MV 194

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Spirit of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts in prayer.**

Let us give thanks.

**We offer joyful thanks to God.**

### Offering Our Gifts

#### 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!

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of light, Giver of life, Source of love.  
You birthed the Earth and hung it in its community of planets.  
You breathed your life into us  
and placed us among all your beloved creatures,  
in a covenant of love and service.

**Even when we turn from you, you never leave us.**

**You sent your prophets to proclaim your peace and justice,  
and to call us back to you.**

Holy One, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus –  
the One who shepherds us daily, sharing our joy and sorrow,  
healing the sick, feeding the hungry and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation  
to proclaim your goodness:

**Holy, holy, holy God,**

**Power of life and love:**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna through the ages!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to Earth!**

Loving and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth we recognize the fullness  
of your grace: healing, life and love, revealed in the teachings that  
both challenge and comfort us.

**And now we gather at this table to remember**

**and to be filled with such longing for your realm**

**that we may be inspired to move from worship to witness**

**when we leave this place.**

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of  
bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Each time you do this, remember me.”

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends,  
saying, “Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of  
God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

**Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace.**

**Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves  
to you that our lives may embody the mystery of faith:**

**We proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**Now send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ:  
justice, life and love in the world. In this hope and as your people,  
we pray.**

## **Praying for Others and Ourselves & the Prayer of Jesus**

### **Breaking and Sharing**

**As Elements are shared:** “Eat this Bread VU #466

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Life-giving God, we give you thanks for the gift of Christ’s presence  
in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all  
who are fed by the life of Christ, that we may faithfully proclaim the  
Good News of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of  
hope in an uncertain world, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **Lifting our Voices in Song**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus” VU 626 Tune 625

### **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)*