

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

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Betty Lou Curtis & Mars Zhao - Sanctuary Choir
Lori Cline Flath – Band Together
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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21, 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

Welcoming the Light of Christ

Invitation to Worship

As a gentle rain soaks into the earth,
may God's peace and love fall upon us.
As sunshine brings life and new growth,
may the Spirit enliven our faith and renew our living.
As flowers blossom and leaves unfold,
may our faith be known to all, in word and in deed.

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place this morning, ready to see your Spirit working through us. Help us to be open to your Word and to answer your call among us, In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Draw the Circle Wide” MV 145

Story Time with Michael

Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU 400

Prayer of Confession (John Wesley, 1703-1791)

Forgive them all, O God:

**our sins of omission and our sins of commission;
the sins of our youth and the sins of our riper years;
the sins of our souls and the sins of our bodies;
our secret and our more open sins;
the sins we have done to please ourselves
and the sins we have done to please others.
Forgive them all, O God, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

**Thanks be to God! We are freed from the past
to live in fullness and in hope.**

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Deep in Our Hearts” MV 154

Community News

Praying for Others and Ourselves & The Prayer of Jesus

Affirming Minute

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!

Listening for God’s Word: Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.’

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Sanctuary Choir Anthem

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” VU 271 (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

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)