

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!"

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 if you so desire you may find offering envelopes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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
Cathy Anderson - Secretary of the Board
James Cook – Treasurer
Kevin Hurlburt – Caretaker
Brandy Emmerich – Office Administrator
Brian Walton - Pastoral Care & Worship Leadership
**Keith Hall - Youth, Young Adults, Newcomer Relations,
Volunteers & Pastoral Care**
Darren Wooff – Children's Ministry & Outreach
Betty Lou Agnew - Organist
Cara Wilson - Handbell Choir
Keith Hall & Erin Tempel - Contemporary Singers
Aliah Nelson & Mars Zhao - Sanctuary Choir
Lori Cline Flath – Band Together
Donna Thiessen – Little Voices United



A congregation of The United Church of Canada

2617 Clarence Avenue, Saskatoon, SK (343-7101)

E-mail: office@stmartinsuc.com Website: www.stmartinsuc.com

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

Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 14, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

We have left our televisions behind,
we have set our phones to mute,
and placed them deeper into our purse or pocket.
For one hour, we have left the world of commerce
and competition, of electronic stimulation,
and frivolous chatter.

**We have come here to be silent,
to listen to ancient stories,
to think about our days and our weeks,
our lives and our lifetime.**

**We have left certainty for mystery
and activity for reflection.**

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Theme Song:

Praise the Mother, praise the Father too.

Praise the Lord of all, and the Source of you.

Praise the river ever flowing through
to the Ocean of who we are.(R)

Hey mama he-ya mm bay, mm bay. (R4X)

Praise the Mother, praise the Father too.

Praise the Lord of all, and the Source of you.

Praise the river ever flowing through

to the Ocean of who we are. (Michael Stillwater)

Opening Prayer

**Source of Wisdom, we behold the Bible
and its world, so different from our own.**

**Give us patience to ponder its lessons,
and to cull the transformative from the irrelevant.**

**Allow your ancient word to nudge our modern minds
towards new understandings of Love and justice**

**so that our lives are lived with purpose
and our relationships grow deep.**

For Love's sake, we pray. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

"Let Us Build a House" MV#1 (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

Story Time with Darren

Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

**Patient One, so much of the ancient story is of your invitation
and the people's stubbornness.**

**You called for peace and they made conflict;
you called for justice and they became selfish;
you called for Love and they turned inward.**

It is frightening to recognize ourselves in those actions:

**help us to scrutinize our lives such that we might yet turn
toward you and your way for living.**

The world breathes easier when Love abounds;

help us to be people who love. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

"Jesus, You have Come to the Lakeshore" VU#563

Listening for God's Word: John 1: 37-51

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Band Together

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“There’s a Spirit in the Air” VU#582 (vs. 1,3 & 5)

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “Your Love Unfolded” (MV 176 vs. 2)

Your love unfolded time and space
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your name. (repeat)

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Oh a Song Must Rise” MV#142

Words of Blessing