

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
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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 Epiphany

January 21, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Invitation to Worship

The stories of our faith
and the inspiration of the Holy One,
invite us to live intentionally.

**Might we be 'awake' this morning
to the wisdom of scripture
and the tug of the spirit.**

**Sharpen our responsiveness
to the world and it's yearnings;
to our neighbours and their hopes.**

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

Opening Prayer

**In the story of our beginnings
we read of your creative spirit
moving over the face of the water
bringing forth life, order and purpose.**

**Set free in us the imagination
to act with creativity in our relationship to life.**

**Help us to envision new and inspired ways to
live in harmony with all of creation.**

Sensing your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Spirit of Life” VU#381 (sing twice-remain seated)

Story Time with Dianne

Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

Awaken us O God, to the lives that we lead.

**It is so easy to “drift” through our days
without being intentional.**

**We hear the call to action, see the person in need,
imagine the potential for life-giving change,
but too soon the urgency is lost
and old familiar patterns resume.**

**Help us to notice the signs around us,
open our ears to the prophets of our time,
and empower our acts of will
to create a sustainable commonwealth for all.**

For Love’s sake we pray. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Each Blade of Grass” MV#37

Listening for God’s Word:

Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Sanctuary Choir

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Touch the Earth Lightly” VU#307

Affirming Minute**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**

“My Life Flows On” VU#716

Words of Blessing