

## 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

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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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## **The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Words of Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

**Community News**

**Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle & Sung Response**

We are travelling the journey of lent

**a time for reflection,**

**a time for confession,**

**a time of yearning for the light of Christ.**

Today we ponder what it means to be called out of failure by love: to find the courage to live for the other, as much as for ourselves.

**We acknowledge our desire to live in harmony with all and to follow in the Way of Jesus.**

**The Way is challenging and our will is tentative.**

We extinguish a candle on this fourth Sunday of Lent aware of the struggle between our best selves and our lesser selves; and our need for God's action in our lives.

"Don't Be Afraid" MV #90

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger.

My love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger

and I have promised, promised to be always near. (repeat)

## **Invitation to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Lent is a time to prepare and renew  
our spirits for living with the Christ.

**During this time of worship we pray that**

**God would know our hearts,  
even as we strive to know the heart of God.**

**Let us 'prepare' by examining ourselves;  
and let us 'renew' by engaging in acts of love and justice.**

Let us pray...

**In this season of Lent we return to the Way of Jesus.**

**It is a path into the uncharted territory of love;**

**it is a confrontation with failures,  
and the resurgence of hope eternal.**

**God of the desert, let it be your bread we eat.**

**God of the wilderness, let it be your world we serve.**

**For Love's sake. Amen.**

## **Lifting our Voices in Song**

"God of the Bible" MV#28 (vs. 1-2 & 4-5)

**Children are Invited Downstairs for a short program.**

**Prayers of the People and Sung Lord's Prayer. VU 959**

## **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offering Song "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One:

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ the Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

## **Listening for God's Word:**

### **Romans 5:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification<sup>[a]</sup> leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Luke 19:1-9**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost.

## **Reflection on the Concepts of Salvation & Atonement**

### **Response to the Reading**

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

"Amazing Grace" #266VU (vs. 1-3)

## **Moving to the Annual Congregational Meeting.....**

## **The Annual Congregational Meeting 2018**

### **Returning to Worship.....**

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

“Amazing Grace” #266VU (vs. 4-5)

#### **Words of Blessing**

##### **Blessing Song**

“May the Grace of Christ Attend Us” VU 963

May the grace of Christ attend us,

and the love of God surround us,

And the Holy Spirit keep us now and ever.

Amen