

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.

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community News

The Return of the Light of Christ

Contemporary Singers & Sanctuary Choir

"Alleluia, Christ is Alive!"

The Fire is Lit

This is the dawn of a new creation: come to the Light of Christ!

Christ has risen! **Christ has risen indeed!**

Hope is alive! **A new day is dawning!**

Love is alive! **Death cannot contain us!**

We are alive! **New life is within us!**

The church is alive! **Let us celebrate the God of Resurrection!**

Lifting our Voices in Song

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" VU#155 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Story Time with Brian

Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

The Resurrection Proclaimed in Scripture – Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks” VU#179

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Though Ancient Walls” VU#691 (vs 1-2 & 5)

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.
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.
Give thanks.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

Creator of mists and mystery: you roll away the stones
and open your life, letting your story flow into the world.

We bless you for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes all.

Guiding the children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he shows us the depth of his love.

Raised from the dead, he gives new life.

**With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim Jesus the Word made flesh!**

He gives us hope in our hands to open doors to justice.

He gives us hope in our eyes to see new possibilities for this world.

**He gives us hope in our hearts that we might live by faith,
come what may.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

that this meal may be our communion in the body of Christ.

Make us one with Christ, and with all who share this feast.

**Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love
for the sake of the whole world.**

Breaking and Sharing

As Elements are shared: “Bread for the Journey” MV#202

Prayer after Communion

**We give thanks that bread-broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent in community with the Risen Christ
is gift and grace. Amen.**

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Oh, a Song Must Rise” MV#142 (vs 1)

Words of Blessing