

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.

The Second Sunday of the Easter Season

April 8, 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

Easter is God's reminder to us
that death and despair are not the final words;
new hope can arise like the fragile stirring of a butterfly
finding new life after the darkness of the cocoon.

**We hear God's call to believe in that possibility,
to search for what is life-giving
and to invest in it without reservation.**

Hallelujah, Christ has risen within our hearts.

Theme Song: "The Spring Has Come" VU #187

**The Spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
Let all the church be part of it!**

Opening Prayer

**Source of Life and Love, life can be full of contradictions:
tears in the midst of laughter, faith in the midst of doubt.**

**As we hear the stories of Easter strengthen our faith
to believe that Love can transform our lives
and the life of the world.**

**Might resurrection lead to faith, faith lead to hope
and hope to the creation of your commonwealth among us. Amen.**

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!” MV #121 (vs. 1,2,4 & 5)

Story Time with Darren

Children are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

**Eternal Word, revealed in the life of Jesus,
help us when we too readily surrender to hopelessness
and abandon faith in the face of difficulties.**

**Reassure us that when our hopes have been
buried in failures,
and our dreams are shrouded in discouragement,
that your Spirit will be with us planting new possibilities
and empowering new life.**

In faith and hope we pray. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“I Danced in the Morning” #352VU (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

Listening for God’s Word: John 20: 19 – 31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I

send you.”²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Band Together

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“In the Bulb There is a Flower” #703VU

Minute for Mission

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.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Draw the Circle Wide” #145MV

Words of Blessing