

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 Third Sunday of the Easter Season

April 15, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Invitation to Worship

Jesus called his friends to live abundantly
and to love extravagantly.

As followers of his Way we seek

**to recognize everyone as a potential neighbour,
to invest in the relationships that sustain us,
and to live love into the world.**

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!**

(repeat)

Opening Prayer

**Just as the sun breaks in the east
changing the perspective of everything it touches**

**so dawn upon our lives, O God of Love.
Dazzle us with a vision of a world where we are
so committed to relationships,
that we never miss an opportunity,
to care, to affirm and to celebrate one another.
Remembering the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Lifting our Voices in Song

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

Story Time with Dianne

Children are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

Author of the Easter Story

**sometimes we feel uncertain about our faith.
Create within us convictions that will
propel us into lives of purpose and commitment.
Touch the shadows of our apathy
and illumine our minds with the realization
that we can make a difference in our world.
Send us forth with warm hearts
so that we might know the blessings of relationship.
For Love’s sake, we pray. Amen.**

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Though I May Speak” #372VU

Listening for God’s Word: John 13: 31 – 35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him,^[a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love

one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Sanctuary Choir

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“There is a Time” #165MV

Affirming Minute

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

“Love is the Touch” #89MV

Words of Blessing