

## 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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**Cara Wilson** - Handbell Choir  
**Keith Hall & Erin Tempel** - Contemporary Singers  
**Aliah Nelson & Mars Zhao** - Sanctuary Choir  
**Lori Cline Flath** – Band Together  
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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 of the Easter Season

April 22, 2018

### Words of Welcome

### Acknowledgement of the Land

### Community News

### Lighting the Christ Candle

### Fellowship Bells

"Prayer for the Innocents" by Michael Helman

### Passing the Peace

### Invitation to Worship

Let us pray:

### God, give us eyes

to see the wounded lying in our paths.

### God, give us hearts

to show compassion for those whom others do not want to see.

### God, give us courage

to cross the road and give comfort to those who are suffering.

### God, give us arms

to carry those who cannot stand or walk alone.

### God, we long for a new vision

so that victory by violence is no longer the norm.

### God, we long for new laws

so that corruption and greed are no longer good practice.

### God, we long for new faith

to accept the challenge that we are all neighbours to each other,  
created in the image of God.

**Amen.**

**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**

**Holy One, Creator and Spirit of Life**

**we thank you for the gift of this day  
and this gathering of your people.**

**We have come with our joys and our brokenness.**

**We have come with our certainties and our confusion.**

**We have come with our insignificance and our power.**

**Teach us. Reach us. Nourish us.**

**Then set us forth to walk, to talk, to write,  
to live your message of peace in our corner  
and through all the lands.**

**Amen.**

**Lifting our Voices in Song**

**"Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU#374**

**Story Time with Darren**

**Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs**

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purposes.

**I gave them for a moment then withdrew them  
for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

**I closed them for I did not want to see.**

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

**I gave you a small part that I might not get "too involved."**

**Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you  
only when it is convenient for me to do so,**

**and only in those places where it is safe to do so,**

**and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**Lord, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,  
that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross.**

**Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. For in Christ, weakness becomes strength and love is the ultimate power. You are forgiven and you are beloved. Live, then, with courage and trust.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Lifting our Voices in Song**

**"Open my Eyes, That I May See" VU#371**

**Listening for God's Word:**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**Band Together**

**Response to the Reading**

**"One Step"**

**Lifting our Voices in Song**

**"When I Needed a Neighbour" VU#600**

**Minute for Mission**

## **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Fellowship Bells**

""Barcarole" by Patricia Cota

### **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.

### **Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

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

"Go, Make a Difference" MV#209

### **Words of Blessing**