

## 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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**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.

## **The Sixth Sunday after Easter**

**May 13, 2018**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Words of Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

**Community News**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Passing the Peace**

**Invitation to Worship & Opening Prayer**

We are called a "covenant people" because we have responded to God's invitation to walk in the Way of Jesus.

**We recognize this covenant in the waters of baptism**

**where the Spirit flows over our heads**

**reminding us that God, like water,**

**is essential for our living.**

Let us celebrate this covenant anew this morning as we baptize and confirm.

**May these ancient traditions of the faithful**

**confirm a new beginning in the way of love,**

**for our friends and family.**

Let us pray:

**Creator of Life and Giver of Love**

**we pray for those who seek to live in your way.**

**The world is filled with conflicting influences**

**and there is much that encourages us to live for ourselves.**

**We celebrate that there are still those who hear your call**

**to live as Jesus taught and to love as you have loved.  
Bless our friends and loved ones this day  
that they may intimately know your Spirit,  
and courageously live your love. Amen.**

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

“River Running in You and Me” MV#163

### **Story Time and Presentation of Grade 4 Bibles with Keith**

### **Children’s Prayer**

### **Sacrament of Infant Baptism**

#### **Introduction**

#### **Words of Presentation**

#### **Promises**

On behalf of the congregation of St. Martin’s United Church  
I present ***Scarlett Elizabeth Lee Grieve***  
daughter of Kara Brianne Cline & Joshua James Tyler Grieve  
for initiation into the church of Christ through  
the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### **Questions and Pledges of the Parents**

Today I ask you to confirm the faith  
by which you bring Scarlett to be baptized.  
Do you believe in God, the Source of Love;  
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;  
and in the Holy Spirit, love’s power?

#### **I do by the grace of God.**

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ  
do you seek to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

#### **I will, God being my helper.**

Will you follow the Way of Jesus Christ?

#### **I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith  
to celebrate God’s presence, live with respect in creation  
and love and serve others?

#### **I will God being my helper.**

Will you pray for your child  
and encourage your child by your words and actions  
and walk with them in the way of Jesus.

#### **I will, God being my helper.**

Will you grow in faith with this child,  
trusting that you are not alone, you live in God’s world?

#### **I will God being my helper.**

*(the congregation is invited to stand)*

As a baptized and baptizing people  
do you commit yourselves to support and uphold  
this child and her parents within the community of faith.

**We do. May God grant us grace to care for them  
and for all children in our midst.**

### **The Pouring of Water**

#### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

#### **The Introduction to the Community**

Into this household of faith we welcome Scarlett  
with joy and thanksgiving.  
May she be wrapped in our shawl of love  
and know God’s care through our community.

### **Presentation of Certificate, Baptismal Candle and Prayer Shawl**

### **The Act of Confirmation**

#### **Introduction**

#### **Words of Presentation**

On behalf of the congregation of St. Martin’s United Church,  
I present Bridget Salamon who seeks to reaffirm  
the faith proclaimed at her baptism.

#### **Promises**

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

#### **I do by the grace of God**

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice,  
and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
in your words and actions?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith  
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation,  
and love and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Declaration and Laying on of Hands

Confirm, O God, this your servant Bridget Salamon, by the Holy Spirit  
that she may remain faithful to your Way.

Bridget Salamon, we welcome you into full participation in  
the community of Christ known as St. Martin's United Church.

**Presentation of Certificate and Prayer Shawl**

**Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs**

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Grace-filled Source of Love**

**forgive us those times when our baptism  
has meant little in our lives.**

**Forgive us those times when we thought of ourselves as  
unimportant or of no value, forgetting that we were created  
in your image.**

**Forgive us those times when we neglected  
to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

**Call us yet again to live in and through our baptism  
the abundant life that you desire for all. Amen.**

**Declaration of our Common Faith – The New Creed #918 VU**

**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**

"Deep in Our Hearts" MV#154

**Listening for God's Word: Acts 8 (selected verses)**

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the queen of the Ethiopians. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"<sup>38</sup> He

commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip<sup>[1]</sup> baptized him.

### **Band Together**

### **Response to the Reading**

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

“Oh a Song Must Rise” MV#142

### **Words of Blessing**