

## 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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*Brandy Emmerich* – Office Administrator

*Brian Walton* - Pastoral Care & Worship Leadership

*Keith Hall* - Youth, Young Adults, Newcomer Relations,  
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*Darren Wooff* – Children's Ministry & Outreach

*Betty Lou Agnew* - Organist

*Cara Wilson* - Handbell Choir

*Keith Hall & Erin Tempel* - Contemporary Singers

*Aliah Nelson & Mars Zhao* - Sanctuary Choir

*Lori Cline Flath* – Band Together

*Donna Thiessen* – Little Voices United



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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

## **The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 17, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Words of Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

**Community News**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Invitation to Worship**

God invites us into a purpose-full life.

**Let us not drift through life,**

**simply reacting to what comes our way.**

Let us choose what will shape our lives,

let us acknowledge that which influences us,

let us be clear about the place of God in our living.

**May prayer and worship be a place where we discover**

**the wisdom of God and the teachings of the Christ;**

**and may we return to the world to boldly live out**

**the faith that informs us.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Source of Life and Love,**

**be among us as we worship together this morning.**

**Help us open our lives to a renewed sense of purpose**

**where your Spirit informs us.**

**Make us focused in our living and bold in our speaking**

**as we seek to live your Way into the world. Amen.**

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

“God of the Bible” MV#28

### **Story Time with Brian**

**(Children are Welcome to use the table near  
the sound booth for colouring activities)**

### **Prayer of Reconciliation**

**We are aware of times when we have lived without focus,  
times when we have been more reactive than planful,  
times when we have made life more difficult for others,  
or more difficult for ourselves.**

**Our prayer is that we might allow the wisdom of Jesus  
and the way of the Spirit to inform our lives.**

**May we choose not only between good and evil  
but between the good and the best  
as we weave the fabric of our lives.**

**Seeking that which is Holy, we pray. Amen.**

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

“Spirit, Open my Heart” MV#79

### **Listening for God’s Word: Mark 4:26 – 34**

<sup>26</sup>He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear

it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” VU#357 (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

### **Response to the Reading**

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

“Be Thou my Vision” VU#642 (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

### **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**

“We are Pilgrims” VU#595 (vs. 1, 2 & 6)

### **Words of Blessing**