

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

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing the Peace

Invitation to Worship & Opening Prayer

In a world fixated on evidence based conclusions

it is difficult to speak of God's Spirit.

God chooses to be known in the heart

and lived out in moments of spontaneous

compassion and courage.

Today we strive to open our hearts to this Spirit,

to welcome its inspiration,

to risk being known as "fools for Christ."

Fill us with your love, show us how to serve,

for the sake of the world.

Opening Prayer

Come to us yet again, O God.

Do not allow us to be overtaken by cynicism

but immerse us in a hope-filled faith

that truly believes in the power of Love,

and risks living that Love into community.

Renew within us the dream of a world shaped

by love and peace, by justice and compassion.

For the sake of all, we pray. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” VU#593

Story Time with Brian

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

Prayer of Reconciliation

**We confess that too often we have settled for the status quo
rather than living with the imagination of a new world.**

**We confess that we have allowed narrow visions,
to constrain our thinking.**

**Discourage us from being ‘simply realistic’
and give us the courage to dream dreams
believing that they can come to be.**

**Helps us to risk security for possibility,
and to set free the radical love that strains against
our ‘better judgements’.**

Jesus was a dreamer, help us to follow his Way. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Deep in Our Hearts” MV#154

Listening for God’s Word: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for

the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Lifting our Voices in Song (please remain seated)

“Spirit of Life” VU#381

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“My Love Colours Outside the Lines” MV#138

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “We Praise You, O God” VU 218,vs 1

We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer VU 959

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU#651

Words of Blessing