

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.

Welcome Sunday

September 9th, 2018, 11 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

In the spirit of reconciliation

let us acknowledge our relationship with the Indigenous people of this land.

We acknowledge that we are gathering for worship on the traditional lands of the First Nations and the homeland of the Metis. We are all Treaty people bound by the understandings made in the agreement known as Treaty Six.

Community News

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharing the Peace

Theme Song "Praise" (Michael Stillwater)

Praise the Mother, praise the Father too.

Praise the Lord of all, and the Source of you.

Praise the river ever flowing through to the Ocean of who we are.(R)

Hey mama he-ya mm bay, mm bay. (R8X)

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Invitation to Worship

As we begin this time of worship

We rejoice that we are in this faith community.

Prepare to be nourished by scripture and music,

We rejoice that scripture still speaks to us.

Know that we will be called to act on what we receive.

We rejoice that we can bring change

For God for good.

Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer

Holy Spirit, Creator God,

**As we gather today it feels like the beginning of
a new year.**

Children begin school,

young adults begin classes and others

begin new programs of exercise and learning.

**Holy One we ask you to open our minds to new ideas,
new possibilities and new ways of being.**

**Today may our worship awaken our hearts,
and open our understandings.**

This we ask in Jesus name.

Amen

Lifting our Voices in Song

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning” VU 578 Tune VU 457

Story Time with Darren

Children are Invited to Go Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

We gather now, Loving God, ready to be transformed in your name.

**Willing to have our ideas challenged so that we may become more
empathetic rather than judgmental. We come praying for new ideas
that will fill our lives with meaning and with awe at the wonders in
our world. We know there are times when our thoughts and**

**opinions need to be challenged. It is through you and your love that
our eyes will be opened, our previously held ideas will be examined,
so that we may live following Jesus’ justice seeking example.**

**Draw us deeper into your love, once more, and bring us to
wholeness and new life through faith in you. Amen**

Contemporary Singers “Hand in Hand”

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “Three Things I Promise” (MV 176 vs. 2)

Your love unfolded time and space

and life, and all that life became,

and so, with thankful heart and voice,

through good and ill, I bless your name. (repeat)

Listening for God’s Word: Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered him, “Sir,[b] even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29 Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” 30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

"Bread of Life, Feed My Soul" MV 194

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

There is before us, an invitation to come with all that is your flesh and blood, and to share it with your God.

We accept this invitation, remembering God's gift to us in Christ and its meaning for our lives today.

This is how life is - broken, imperfect.

But you can live from this, and you can give it to your neighbour, and your neighbour can experience the nourishment you've received.

We remember now the one called Emmanuel, God with us, Who because he was broken for us, lives.

We accept this precious gift.

Living is the spilling out of life. It is in freely and knowingly pouring forth ourselves that others can live.

We remember now the humanity of Christ,

Who poured forth his whole being so that we might live.

It is through this deep and abiding mystery that we come now before you O God.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ:

justice, life and love in the world,
we pray. Amen.

Breaking and Sharing

As Elements are shared: "Eat This Bread" VU#466

Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst. (repeated)

Prayer After Communion

**We give thanks that bread-broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent in community with the Risen Christ
is gift and grace. Amen.**

Praying for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Lifting our Voices in Song

"Go, Make a Difference" MV 209

Words of Blessing