

## 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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*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



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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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**Creation Time 2, Sunday Sept 16, 2018 11:00 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 the Christ Candle**

#### **Invitation to Worship**

Holy one, we draw near to you, thankful for your grace and mercy. We feel the whisper of breezes against our cheek and we know you are beside us. We see the grandeur of the lakes and hillsides, and we know you are around us. We experience community, and we know you are within us. And so we come to worship the One who is God and Creator of all.

#### **Theme Song:**

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. (Repeat 8X)  
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) (Michael Stillwater)

#### Opening Prayer

In worship, we sing of a church with a purpose; faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all. We are a community of hopeful believers and we wish to love as Jesus first loved us. We are seeking to be faithful servants of God. Meet us. Heal us. Empower us. Enable us. In Jesus name we offer this prayer. Amen

Lifting our Voices in Song “Called by Earth and Sky” (MV 135)

Story Time with Dianne Young - Change for Change Sunday  
Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

#### Prayer of Reconciliation

Forgiving God; We are always worried about running out of things: money, energy, health, compassion, time. This anxiety shapes who we are as individuals and as a church. We are so conscious of dwindling resources we forget you indeed are God - unfailing, un-resting, and undiscouraged. Forgive us; help us turn our hearts to you so we may find the abundance of life you alone can give. Amen

#### Band Together

#### Affirming Minute

#### Offering Our Gifts

#### Offering Song “Your Love Unfolded” (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)

#### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord’s Prayer

Lifting our Voices in Song “Shadow and Substance” (MV 44)

Listening for God’s Word: James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,[a] for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,[b] and is itself set on fire by hell.[c] 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,[d] this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,[e] yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh. No more can salt water yield fresh.

#### Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song “Here I am Lord” (VU 509)

#### Words of Blessing