

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.

Third Sunday of Creation Time - Sept 30, 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

We gather to worship together,
Different people, different lives, different histories,
Yet all children of the same Parent,
Created lovingly by the Source of all life!
We gather to reconnect with one another,
Different people, different lives, different histories,
Yet all disciples of one Teacher.
Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.
We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....
Different people, different lives, different histories,
Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Theme Song:

Praise – Michael Stillwater (used with permission)

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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Opening Prayer (Unison)

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.

All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.

We have no words for what we experience - so we cry out to you, Lord.

In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.

May we - gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places.

Creator of love and life,

in this moment of prayer - be more and more in us - that we might live more and more in you.

Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song VU #402 “We are One”

Story Time with Susan

Children are Invited Downstairs

Lifting our Voices in Song MV #157 “I Am a Child of God”

Prayer of Reconciliation

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purposes.

I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

I gave you a small part that I might not get “too involved.”

Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so - and only in those places where it is safe to do so - and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Lord, forgive me - renew me - send me out as a usable instrument - that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross.

Amen

Band Together “You are the Song”

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 VU #959

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, you feed us not only with bread but with your Word, which accompanies us in every circumstance.

Nourish us with your hope - and comfort us with your presence as we listen for your voice.

This we pray in Jesus name.

Amen.

Listening for God’s Word

Jeremiah 18:1–6

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into

another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Can I

not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;

you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

13 For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, [a] God!

How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with you.

Lifting our Voices in Song MV #161 MV "I Have Called You by Your Name"

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song #MV 131 "You, Creator God, Have Searched Me"

Words of Blessing