

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.

Baptism of Jesus January 13th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

Community News (10:55 am)

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Territory

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Time of silence to enter into worship

Lighting the Peace Candle

We Sing "Come and Fill Our Hearts" MV #16 (repeat)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O God, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.**

Invitation to Worship

The Spirit of God danced over the waters of creation,
shaping love from chaos.

The Spirit of God parted the waters of the sea,
revealing love's power to free us.

The Spirit of God hovered over Jordan's waters,

declaring a love that has no limits.

The Spirit of God comes to us in the gift of water,

proclaiming, “You are my beloved.”

The Spirit of God asks this day, and always, that you would simply allow yourself to be loved.

Opening Prayer

God our Mother, Living Water, River of Mercy, Source of Life, in whom we live and move and have our being, who quenches our thirst, refreshes our weariness, bathes and washes and cleanses our wounds, be for us always a fountain of life, and for all the world a river of hope springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair.

Honour and blessing, glory and praise to you forever. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song “Arise, Your Light Is Come” VU #79

Listening for God’s Word : Mark 1:9-13

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens split open and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, my Beloved; I am delighted with you.” And the Spirit immediately chased him out into a lonely place. He was there for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild animals; and the angels took care of him.

This is testimony from our ancestors in faith.

Thanks be to God!

Story Time with Jordan – Remembering Our Baptism

Prayer for Reconciliation

Out of the waters of baptism you call us, O God, with the same words you spoke to your Son, Jesus: This is my beloved.

As it was for him, this call is meant to send us into the world to serve you as we serve the least among us.

We are tempted to hear your affirmation as a private, feel-good experience instead of the call to service it is intended to be.

As you remind us again and again that we are your beloved, remind us too of our place and our responsibility as your disciples. Amen.

[A time for silent reflection]

Sung response “Take, O Take Me as I Am” MV #85 (repeat)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “Grant Us, God, the Grace” (VU #540)

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

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

Listening for God’s Word: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you them.

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Band Together-“River in Judea”

Response to the Reading “Whole-hearted Challenge”

Time for silent reflection

Lifting our Voices in Song “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” MV #212

Words of Blessing

Sung Amen “Ameni” MV #219 (repeat 3x)

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.