

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.

Epiphany 2 January 20th, 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 (please remain seated)
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O God, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, allelu-ia. (repeat)

Invitation to Worship

God's people have gathered for worship
and God is with us.

Strangers and friends, familiar and new, yet one in God's love,
and God is with us.

Feeling lost and hopeless, feeling found and thankful,
and God is with us.

No matter where we've come from or where we're bound,
God is with us.

We come in gratitude and hope.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

January is not our favourite month, God. Christmas is over, and ahead of us stretches the long winter. Then, we hear the story of a wedding feast, of water turned to wine, of joy and abundance overflowing. Can this be true?

Our hearts yearn for this winter life to be transformed, for our tired days to sparkle and dance with the wonder of Christ's presence. God, meet us in this place and open our eyes to the richness of each moment. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song "You Are Holy" MV#45

Story Time with Dianne – Change for Change

Children and Youth are invited downstairs

Contemporary Singers – "Work of Art"

Prayer for Reconciliation

God of resurrection promise, we acknowledge our doubts and uncertainties.

We want to see signs of hope yet are blind to the revelations before us.

We want to trust in your abundance yet are distracted by fears of scarcity.

Open our eyes and our souls to the possibility of new life in you.

We pray in the name of the living Christ. Amen.

[A time for silent reflection]

Sung response "Behold, Behold" MV #115 *(Please remain seated)*

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

(repeat)

Affirming Minute

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

Gathering all our prayers into one, we say together:

Our Mother and Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us, this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song "Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV #87

Listening for God's Word: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of the signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is testimony from our ancestors in faith.

Thanks be to God!

Response to the Reading “When the Wine Gives Out”

Time for silent reflection

Lifting our Voices in Song “Will You Come and Follow Me” VU #567

Words of Blessing

Sung Amen “Ameni” MV #219 (repeat 3x)

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

Portions from this service were adapted from materials found in “Gathering A/C/E 2018-19, and Worship for All Seasons II.