

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.

Epiphany 3 January 27th, 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

Without you...

the Body of Christ is incomplete.

Without me...

some gifts are lost.

Without her...

we may not have all we need...

without him...

to live out God's call...

without them...

to live justice and healing in the world.

We are not all the same.

But we are all needed.

Wanted.

Loved.

In this time and place, and in all times and places.

Let us worship God together, as the Body of Christ.

Opening Prayer

God, just as Jesus flipped the tables in the temple, you turn our wisdom on its head, inviting us to see the world from a new perspective. Open our minds to the logic of your gracious economy, where the last are first and no one gets left behind. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song "Come Now, O God of Peace" VU #34 (sing 4X)

Story Time with Darren

Children are invited downstairs

Prayer for Reconciliation

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

We long to be the Body of Christ but wonder how there can be room for all.

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

Open our eyes and our hearts 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, I Make All Things New" 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)

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

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 "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Listening for God's Word: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think

less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is testimony from our ancestors in faith.

Thanks be to God!

Band Together “We are the Word”

Response to the Reading “(Un)Conventional Wisdom”

Time for silent reflection

Lifting our Voices in Song “Take Up His Song” MV #213

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.