

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
Cathy Anderson - Secretary of the Board
Dale Worrall - Treasurer
Kevin Hurlburt - Caretaker
Brandy Emmerich - Office Administrator
Jordan Cantwell - Worship Leadership, Admin, Pastoral Care
Keith Hall - Youth, Young Adults, Newcomer Relations, Volunteers & Pastoral Care
Darren Wooff - Children's Ministry, Outreach, Christian Ed
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



A congregation of The United Church of Canada
2617 Clarence Avenue, Saskatoon, SK (343-7101)

E-mail: office@smartinsuc.com Website: www.smartinsuc.com

Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

Epiphany 4 February 3rd, 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

Sing "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" MV #18 (repeat)
[remain seated as we sing]

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to Worship

The Spirit of God is upon us!

The Spirit of hope and joy; the Spirit of challenge and truth!

The Spirit of God is upon us because God has anointed us

to bring good news to the poor; to bind up the broken-hearted.

God has anointed us

**to proclaim liberty to captives, to comfort the afflicted
and to afflict the comfortable,**

to join our bodies with Christ in service and song.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we give you thanks for another day. We thank you for our families and friends, for all that gives life meaning, and all that keeps life interesting. We even thank you for the challenges we face that teach us humility, resilience and gratitude. You have blessed us with so many gifts; teach us how to share these gifts with generous and loving hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song “Though I May Speak” VU #372

Story Time with Darren

Children are invited downstairs....

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “What Can I Do?” (MV #191)

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer. I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.**

Listening for God’s Word: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is testimony from our ancestors in faith.

Thanks be to God!

Sing “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” MV #75 *[remain seated]*

**Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us. (repeat)**

Listening for God’s Word: Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is testimony from our ancestors in faith.

Thanks be to God!

Contemporary Singers – “Whisper to My Heart”

Response to the Reading “If I Have Not Love”

Time for silent reflection

Lifting our Voices in Song “Bread of Life, Feed My Soul” MV #194

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ, a banquet prepared for everyone. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith, all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths to peace and justice, are welcome here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of hope, Giver of all life,
Source of love that knows no boundaries.
At your word creation dawns. Under your rainbow the floods recede.
With a burning bush you hallow the earth.
By a pillar of fire you guide your people.
We praise you that you do not abandon us.
Into all the shadowed corners of our world you shine the light of hope.
You send Jesus to show us the way of your mercy and love.
He brings sight to the blind and healing to the sick,
hope to the despairing and justice to the oppressed.
Though, in our ignorance and fear, we reject, betray and crucify him,
You, O God, raise him from the grave, transforming death into life,
despair into hope, fear into love.
Therefore we join with all creation to sing your praise:

Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" VU #951 (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

Remembering Jesus at Table

At this time, we remember Jesus, who on the night before he died,
took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and said,
"Take, eat; whenever you do this, remember me."
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and said,
"This is the cup of the new covenant;
when you drink from it, remember me."

Prayer for the Spirit

Gracious God, Source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

Make us, while many, one.

Make us, though broken, whole.

Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

At this time, we also remember all those with whom you would have us
share your feast.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or pain, and those who are ill or alone....
We pray for all who live with fear, oppression or hunger;
and for all who work to relieve suffering and injustice.

We pray for your church as we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.
We pray for our leaders, and the leaders of all nations that they may strive
for peace and justice.

Bless the earth, and the fragile web of life we share.

And bless our families and friends, our neighbours and our enemies.

Gathering all these 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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

**Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world.**

[All are welcome to share in the feast of communion.]

Sharing the Elements "Bread for the Journey" MV #202

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, God, for breaking into our world
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.**

**We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.**

Lifting our Voices in Song "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

Words of Blessing

Sing "Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen" VU #974 (repeat)

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Portions from this service were adapted from materials found in Gathering A/C/E 2018-19