

JANUARY 30, 2022 | 9:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!

Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In worship, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

*This type of note offers directions about the service. The people’s responses are in **bold**. Any page numbers provided refer to the sections at the front of the red hymnals, with page numbers in the bottom corners. Hymn numbers provided refer to the hymnal, with numbers listed at the top of hymn pages.*

We welcome you to our family worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. Please feel free to sit and stand as you feel called to throughout the service.

The service begins with a piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

I Know You by Heart

Eve Nelson & Diane Scanlon

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

REFLECTION

Maybe, Mary Oliver

Sweet Jesus, talking
his melancholy madness,
stood up in the boat
and the sea lay down,
silky and sorry,
So everybody was saved
that night.
But you know how it is
when something
different crosses

the threshold — the uncles
mutter together,
the women walk away,
the young brother begins
to sharpen his knife.
Nobody knows what the soul is.
It comes and goes
like the wind over the water —
sometimes, for days,
you don’t think of it.

Maybe, after the sermon,
 after the multitude was fed,
 one or two of them felt
 the soul slip forth
 like a tremor of pure sunlight
 before exhaustion,
 that wants to swallow everything,
 gripped their bones and left them
 miserable and sleepy,

as they are now, forgetting
 how the wind tore at the sails
 before he rose and talked to it —
 tender and luminous and
 demanding
 as he always was —
 a thousand times more frightening
 than the killer sea.

Mary Oliver New and Selected Poems Volume One

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here Today



Dios es - tá a - quí, tan
 God is here to - day; as



cier-to co-mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan
 cer - tain as the air I breathe, as



cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan
 cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as



cier-to co-mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.
 cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.

Please take a moment to greet those near you.

PRAYER

Let us pray. **Almighty God, you gave us the gifts of faith, hope, and love to share with others. Continue to send prophets to remind us and guide us every day. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The good news from God, according to Jeremiah.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, and Luke 4:21-30.

The children come forward for the children's message.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

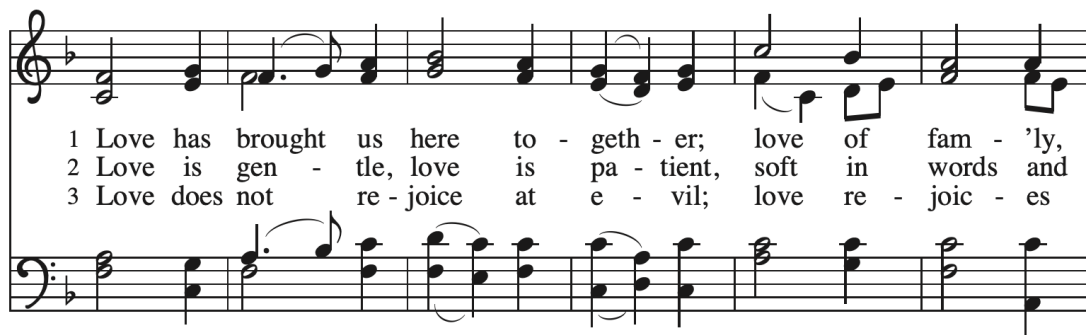
MESSAGE

Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the sermon song.

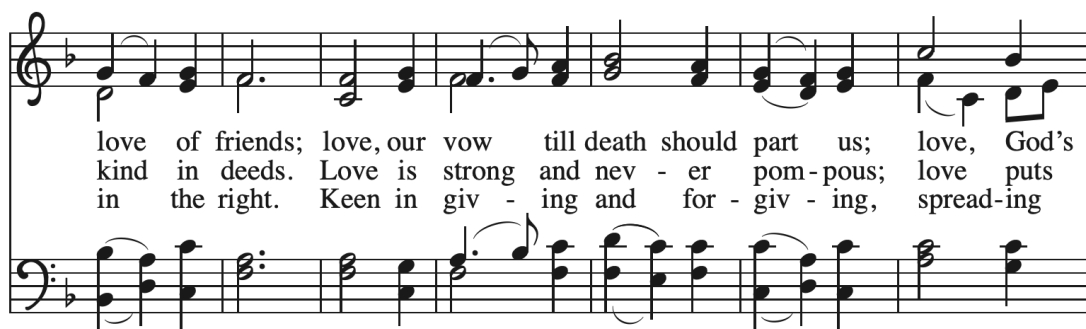
Prayer requests may also be made by sending a text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

SERMON SONG

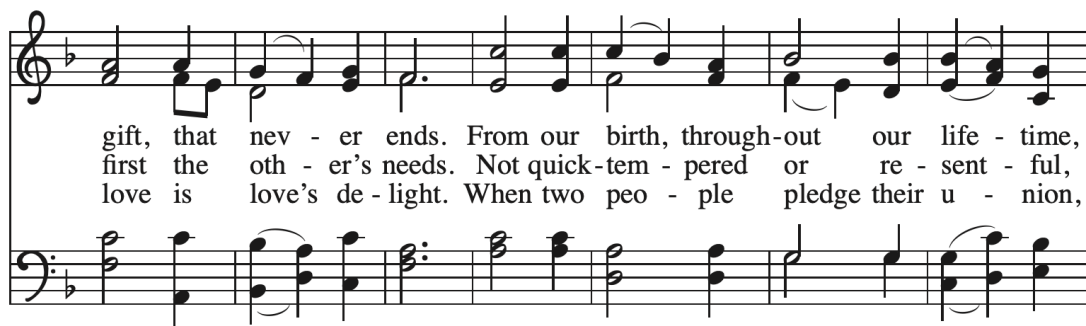
Love Has Brought Us Here Together




1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom-pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

PRAYERS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at saintmartins.org/giving or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

If It Be Your Will

Leonard Cohen

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Our 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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

No One Is Alone (from *Into the Woods*)

Stephen Sondheim

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that renews us so we can be your presence in our world. Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Hymn 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share, and serve boldly. **And give thanks to God.**

POSTLUDE

Giants in the Sky (from *Into the Woods*)

Stephen Sondheim

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Tim Fackler - *assisting minister*

Katherine Altobello and Tim O'Brien, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums; Austin Haller, piano
and vocals - *musicians*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terry Adcock; David Anderson; family and friends of Stacey Aus; family and friends of Eddie Bull; Sandra Bull; Helia Callendar; Naomi Dill; Donna Estes; Tony Gomez; family and friends of Elena Griesel; family and friends of Mike Hartfiel; Ben Harvey, Shirley Harvey; Jeannine; Peter Jordahl; Laura Krause; Larry Lobash and family; family and friends of Patsy Madriaga; Caroline Su San Ong and Maui Demetrius Zeus Honetana; Beth Orton & Sofia Orton; David Pierce; family of Ruben Sanchez; family and friends of Bobbie Simpson; those impacted by fires in Colorado.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Duke Hobbs; Ronnie Johnson; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr.

JANUARY BENEVOLENCE: CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY

Based in the Hill Country of southwestern Texas, Cross Trails Ministry offers summer camp and retreats to thousands each year. Two sites are at the heart of this ministry, Lutheran Camp Chrysalis near Kerrville and Ebert Ranch Camp near Harper. Cross Trails also offer off-site opportunities in unique locations around Texas and beyond. Support Cross Trails this month by donating at saintmartins.org/giving.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, January 30

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

Tuesday, February 1

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

Wednesday, February 2

- 1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Game Night (Gym)

Thursday, February 3

- 6:00 pm High School Devotional (Zoom)

Saturday, February 5

- 8:30 am Mop & Hammer Work Day

Sunday, February 6

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

CROP Hunger Walk 2022 | March 5, 2022

You can help make a difference in local and global hunger by walking in our CROP Hunger Walk this year. Our congregation has a number of walkers participating. If you are interested in participating, sponsoring a walker, or just learning more, contact Kent Mickelson at kbmick2@alumni.utexas.net or go to crophungerwalk.org.

Spring Cleaning? | WELCA Seeks Fabric Donations & Copier Paper Boxes

Tack and Pack welcomes all sheets and table cloths that are no longer wanted by your household. They will be repurposed as quilt backs by our group. Also, Ivory, Irish, Spring or Dove soaps are needed to put in the baby or health kits. The group also seeks copier paper boxes to be used for shipping kits. Please drop off any donations with a label of "Tack and Pack" and your name in the church office. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Food and Fellowship Sign Ups

Sign up to bring food for our time of fellowship after Sunday worship! We need two volunteers to bring snacks after Family Worship (before 10am). All snacks welcome: sweet or savory, homemade or store-bought! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAE29A5FCC61-sunday> or contact Abby Adams or Christine Fuhrman.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Upcoming Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Programs: February 22, 7:00 pm - Dealing with Anxiety, Depression and Suicide; March 22, 7:00 pm - Communicating and Caregiving for People With Dementia. For more information contact Fred Aus at fredaustx@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Information Table | January – early February in the Lobby