

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 | 9:00 AM

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!

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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.



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15TH Street, Austin, Texas | www.saintmartins.org

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

PRELUDE

Deep River

African-American spiritual

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

The Blessing of the Old Woman, the Tulip, and the Dog,

Alicia Ostriker

To be blessed	with the slug of lust
said the old woman	implied by
is to live and work	your up-ended skirt
so hard	To be blessed
God's love	said the dog
washes right through you	is to have a pinch
like milk through a cow	of God
To be blessed	inside you
said the dark red tulip	and all the other
is to knock their eyes out	dogs can smell it

"The Blessing of the Old Woman, the Tulip, and the Dog" from *The Book of Seventy*, by Alicia Suskin Ostriker,
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GATHERING SONG

Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

1 Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was
2 Can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, when you keep it
3 Makes you love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, when you keep it
4 The dev - il can't catch you in your mind, when you keep it
5 Je - sus, the cap - tain in your mind, when you keep it

stayed, stayed on Je - sus, woke up this morn - ing with my
 stayed, stayed on Je - sus, can't hate your neigh - bor in your
 stayed, stayed on Je - sus, love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your
 stayed, stayed on Je - sus, dev - il can't catch you in your
 stayed, stayed on Je - sus, Je - sus, the cap - tain in your

mind, and it was stayed, stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,

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 love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, when you keep it
 dev - il can't catch you in your mind, when you keep it
 Je - sus, the cap - tain in your mind, when you keep it

stayed, stayed on Je - sus, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le -

lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

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. **Living God, you have given us blessings in abundance. Forgive us when we ignore or neglect your gifts and forget to share them with others. Be with us in our worship today, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

WORD

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

READING

Luke 6:17-26

The good news from God, according to Luke.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that

day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, and 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

Canticle of the Turning

Hymn 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



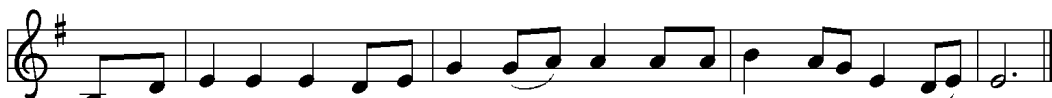
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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

I've Been in the Storm

African American Spiritual (arr. H.T. Burleigh)

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

Let us Break Bread Together

African American Traditional

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

I Shall Not Be Moved

Refrain

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,
 2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the
 3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,
 4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

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 church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved;
 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved;
 fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved;

Refrain
 like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved.
 be moved.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

African-American spiritual

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

- *assisting minister*

Debbie Alkire, Ann Howard - *communion ministers*

Katherine Altobello and Tim O'Brien, vocals; Austin Haller, piano and vocals;

Darin Layne, guitar - *musicians*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Anderson; family and friends of Stacey Aus; Travis B.; Eric Bittner; family and friends of Eddie Bull; Sandra Bull; Tommy Dubuque; Ellen; Donna Estes; Penelope Felger; family and friends of Elena Griesel; family and friends of Mike Hartfiel; Jeannine; Peter Jordahl; Laura Krause; Larry Lobash and family; Phil McNeeley; 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; family and friends of Jo Ann Slack; those impacted by fires in Colorado.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; 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; Christie Tietjen.

FEBRUARY BENEVOLENCE: ST. MARTIN'S LUNCH BAG MINISTRY

This month we highlight the wonderful work of St. Martin's lunch bag ministry, which alongside our Supply the Unhoused efforts and St. Martin's Freeze Night shelter, provides sustenance and support for those experiencing homelessness in our community. Consider giving to or getting involved with these ministries. Go to saintmartins.org/giving to donate, or contact info@saintmartins.org to be connected with the leaders of these fabulous groups to learn more.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, February 13

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 2:00 pm Affirmation of Baptism Class (Zoom)

Monday, February 14

- 7:30 pm Heart & Mind Gospel Study (Zoom)

Tuesday, February 15

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

Wednesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 17

- 6:00 pm High School Devotional (Zoom)

Saturday, February 19

- 8:30 am Mop & Hammer Work Day

Sunday, February 20

Austin Marathon Race Day

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

Traffic Notice | Austin Marathon, Sunday, February 20th

The race route for the Austin Marathon will affect traffic coming to church on Sunday, February 20th. Check your drive ahead of time, and use Google Maps or Waze the day of the race for updated closures. For details, go to YourAustinMarathon.com/traffic.

Violeta Siguenza, Guest Preacher | Sunday, February 20th

On February 20th we are pleased to welcome guest preacher Violeta Siguenza, Interim Director Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest/Wartburg Seminary who will give the message in both services.

Family Hike | Saturday, February 26th

Hike on the Barton Creek Green Belt with us! We will be starting at the Hill of Life entrance. Please RSVP to Cason at cmiller@saintmartins.org.

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.

***Blessed Are You* | Lent 2022 at St. Martin's**

Ash Wednesday marks the start of our Lenten journey together. Join us for worship on March 2nd at 12:00 or 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary as we begin our forty day sojourn to the cross.

Lenten Vespers will begin on Wednesday evening the following week at 7:00 pm in the Worship Park. Join us for worship as we hear community members reflect on Jesus's powerful Beatitudes and enjoy the beautiful music of the Holden Evening Prayer.

Conspirare at St. Martin's

Conspirare, the GRAMMY® Award-winning choir known for expanding the boundaries of choral performance, will perform two different concerts celebrating Black History Month on February 15, 18, and 19 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin. In-person and streaming options are available for both concerts.

Tuesday, February 15th, 7:30 pm Central – Choral and piano works of American composer Margaret Bonds (1913-1972) will be spotlighted featuring pianist Anton Nel. The program's central work is Bonds's setting of Du Bois's "Credo," the first performance of her choral magnum opus in more than fifty years. This performance will also be livestreamed from [conspirare.org Margaret Bonds Event Info & Tickets https://conspirare.org/margaret-bonds-credo/](https://conspirare.org/margaret-bonds-event-info-tickets)

Friday, February 18th, and Saturday February 19th at 8 pm Central – Contemporary American composer Benedict Sheehan's Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will have its Southwestern premiere. His setting of Du Bois's "Credo," a new addition, will be premiered. The Liturgy is inspired by the great Orthodox choral works of Rachmaninov and others. The Saturday performance will be livestreamed from [conspirare.org St. John Liturgy Event Info & Tickets: https://conspirare.org/liturgy-of-st-john-chrysostom/](https://conspirare.org/st-john-liturgy-event-info-tickets)

Conspirare is grateful to partner with St. Martin's and invites you to save 25% with the code NICETOMEETYOU when ordering tickets.

For more info, contact info@conspirare.org or call 512-476-5775.