

MARCH 6, 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!*

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*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

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

## PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

African-American spiritual

## GATHERING

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

## WELCOME

## SONG

Prayer for Ukraine

Oleksandr Konysky/Mykola Lysenko

*Lord, oh the Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine, bless her with freedom and light of your holy rays. With learning and knowledge enlighten us, your children small, in love pure and everlasting let us, oh Lord, grow. We pray, oh Lord Almighty, Protect our beloved Ukraine, grant our people and country all your kindness and grace. Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom, guide into kind world, bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune for ever and evermore.*

**REFLECTION**      An excerpt from Journey through the Wilderness, Thomas Merton

The man who does not permit his spirit to be beaten down and upset by dryness and helplessness, but who lets God lead him peacefully through the wilderness, and desires no other support of guidance than that of pure faith and trust in God alone, will be brought to the Promised Land. He will taste the peace and joy of union with God. He will, without “seeing,” have a habitual, comforting, obscure and mysterious awareness of his God, present and acting in all the events of life.

The man who is not afraid to abandon all his spiritual progress into the hands of God, to put prayer, virtue, merit, grace, and all gifts in the keeping of Him from Whom they all must come, will quickly be led to peace in union with Him. His peace will be all the sweeter because it will be free of every care.

Merton, Thomas. *New Seeds of Contemplation*. New York, NY: New Directions, 1972. Print.

# GATHERING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## 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. Guiding God, you strive continually to lead us through the wilderness of this world to the promised land of union with you. By your spirit, empower us to follow the example of your Son, and by faith walk safely in step with you all the way. Amen.

## WORD

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

## READING

**Luke 4:1-13**

The good news from God, according to Luke.

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,' <sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 First Sunday in Lent: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13.*

*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](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## SERMON SONG

### Lead Me, Guide Me

**Hymn 768**

*Refrain*



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## 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](https://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 Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For** Paul Hewson & David Evans

*I have climbed highest mountains. I have run through the fields only to be with you. I have run, I have crawled, I have scaled these city walls only to be with you. But I still haven't found what I'm looking for. I have kissed honey lips, felt the healing in her fingertips. It burned like fire, this burning desire. I have spoke with the tongue of angels. I have held the hand of a devil. It was warm in the night. I was cold as a stone. But I still haven't found what I'm looking for. I believe in the kingdom come, then all the colors will bleed into one. But yes, I'm still running. You broke the bonds and you loosed the chains, carried the cross of my shame. You know I believe it. But I still haven't found what I'm looking for.*

## 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**

We've Come a Long Way, Lord

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that strengthens us to be your presence in our world. Amen**

## **SENDING**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

# SENDING SONG

## My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

1. In my wres- tling\_ and in\_\_ my doubts, in my fail - ures,\_ You  
 2. In the si - lence you won't let go. In the ques- tions, Your  
 3. I won't fear what to - mor - row brings. With each morn - ing,\_\_ I'll

won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through: You are the peace in my  
 truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through: You are the peace in my  
 rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through: You are the peace in my

1.  
 trou-bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou-bled sea.  
 trou-bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou-bled sea.,  
 trou-bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou-bled sea.

2. 3. *Chorus*  
 My Light house, my Light house shin-ing in the dark-ness,  
 I will fol-low You! Oh,\_\_ my Light house, my Light house,  
 I will trust the prom-ise You will car-ry me\_ safe to shore,  
 safe to shore, sale to  
 1. *To Verse*  
 shore, safe to shore.  
 2.  
 Fire\_\_ be-fore us,\_ You're\_ the bright est,\_



1. You\_\_ will lead us\_\_ through the storms. 2. through the storms. Hey!

3. through the storms. Fire\_\_ be-fore us,\_\_ You're the bright est,\_\_

*Chorus*

You\_ will lead us\_ through the storms. My Light house, my Light house,

shin-ing in the dark ness, I will fol-low You. Oh,\_\_ My Light house,

my Light house, I will trust the prom-ise: You will car-ry me\_ safe to

shore,\_\_ safe to shore,\_\_

safe to shore,\_\_ safe to shore.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Traditional

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Ann Graham - *assisting minister*

Richard Buerger, Deb Johnson - *communion ministers*

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

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

## ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Alex; Amanda and children; Wayne Bahr; Bri; Cathy and family and friends; Randy Chambers; Phil Chavez; Kim Dodigon; Tommy Dubuque; Paul Elmshaeuser; Lorraine, Seve, Jackie, and Joe; Phil McNeeley; family and friends of Beth Orton; Sofia Orton; David Pierce; Margaret Puskos; Rothstein family; Satka family; family and friends of Jo Ann Slack; family and friends of Mary Gordon Spence; Teresa's family; family of Judy Walhovd; Daniel Wiederhold; the Ukrainian citizens and refugees.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Travis Bohmann; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Ellen; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr; Christie Tietjen.

## MARCH BENEVOLENCE: SAFE ALLIANCE

The SAFE Alliance is a Central Texas nonprofit committed to providing safety, stability, and healing to anyone who has experienced violence and abuse. Locally, we provide housing, support services, and prevention programs to stop the cycle of violence. Globally, we engage in conversations that shape a culture free from violence and abuse. Learn more at [safeaustin.org](http://safeaustin.org).

*SAFEline is a 24-hour confidential hotline for people seeking help with sexual or domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking, or parenting support and is available by phone at 512.267.SAFE (7233), by text at 737.888.7233, or by online chat at [safeaustin.org/chat](http://safeaustin.org/chat).*

## **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *This Week at St. Martin's*

#### **Sunday, March 6**

9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:00 am	Faith Formation Hour
11:00 am	Holy Communion
12:00 pm	Gaga Ball Tournament

#### **Tuesday, March 8**

9:00 am	WELCA Tack & Pack
9:30 am	Elizabeth Circle

#### **Wednesday, March 9**

1:00 pm	Pastor's Book Class
6:30 pm	Lenten Meal provided by Confirmation Class
7:00 pm	Lenten Vespers

#### **Saturday, March 12**

9 am—4 pm	St. Martin's Women's Retreat
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#### **Sunday, March 13**

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

### **TODAY! Gaga Ball Tournament | following second service in the Worship Park**

Join us for some epically good fun as we christen our new gaga ball pit with a best-of-three tournament! Come over to the Worship Park after traditional service and we'll go gaga!

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

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. Lenten Meals provided by our community will be offered before the service in the Worship Park at 6:30 pm.

### **St. Martin's Women's Retreat | Saturday, March 12th, 2022, 9:00 am—4:00 pm**

The Women's Retreat will be held in St. Martin's Worship Park on Saturday, March 12th from 9 am - 4 pm. If you are interested, please email Christine Fuhrman ([lynnchristineacker@gmail.com](mailto:lynnchristineacker@gmail.com)) or Katherine Lutter ([katherine.nichole@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.nichole@gmail.com)) or join the Women's Retreat Realm Group, as much communication will happen there. Learn more at [www.saintmartins.org/womensretreat](http://www.saintmartins.org/womensretreat).

### **Altar Guild Needs Your Help!**

Congregational help is needed for set-up and clean up of communion for worship and special services. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call or text Tom Blomquist at 512-431-4507.

### **Cross Trails Gift of Faith Gala | Saturday, March 12, 2022, 5:00 pm, Ebert Ranch Camp**

Join us for an evening of dining, entertainment, and fundraising, or participate from home through sponsorship or online auction starting March 6th. More information at [giftoffaith22.givesmart.com](http://giftoffaith22.givesmart.com).