

MARCH 20, 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!*

THIRD 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

The Times They Are A-Changin'

Bob Dylan

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

"On the Pulse of Morning" - Maya Angelou

A Rock, A River, A Tree
Hosts to species long since departed,
Marked the mastodon,
The dinosaur, who left dried tokens
Of their sojourn here
On our planet floor,
Any broad alarm of their hastening
doom
Is lost in the gloom of dust and
ages...

...Here, on the pulse of this new day
You may have the grace to look up
and out
And into your sister's eyes, and into
Your brother's face, your country
And say simply
Very simply
With hope—
Good morning.

"On the Pulse of Morning" from ON THE PULSE OF MORNING by Maya Angelou, copyright © 1993 by Maya Angelou.

GATHERING SONG

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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. God of second chances, **through your Son you have promised the redemption of this broken world and its people. Help us to seek after you constantly, that your saving love may bear good fruit in our lives and the world around us. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

WORD

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

READING

Luke 13:1-9

The good news from God, according to Luke.

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

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 Third Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

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.

SERMON SONG

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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

Wind of Change

Klaus Meine

Follow the Moskva down to Gorky Park / Listening to the wind of change / An August summer night / Soldiers passing by / Listening to the wind of change / The world is closing in / Did you ever think / That we could be so close, like brothers / The future's in the air / Can feel it everywhere / Blowing with the wind of change / Take me to the magic of the moment / On a glory night / Where the children of tomorrow dream away / In the wind of change / Walking down the street / Distant memories / Are buried in the past, forever / The wind of change / Blows straight into the face of time / Like a storm wind that will ring the freedom bell / For peace of mind / Let your balalaika sing / What my guitar wants to say / Take me to the magic of the moment / On a glory night / Where the children of tomorrow dream away / In the wind of change

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. 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

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

Revive Us Again

Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Imagine

John Lennon

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

James and Sally Gavin - *communion ministers*

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

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

Refreshments for Food & Fellowship provided by Tim Fackler and Susan Jensen.

Music Director's Note:

When I first heard "Wind of Change" I was 13. It was 1990, and the Berlin wall had fallen the previous November. It was such a strikingly different song, with its melancholy whistling and message of astonished hope and possibility. (It was so different, in fact, that some have even suggested the CIA wrote the song in hopes it might aid in bringing about the end of the Cold War!). Today's Gospel reading, with its sobering message of "change or risk perishing" suggests to us the necessity of transformation and a break with old and unproductive patterns. We're now more than two decades from the release of "Wind of Change," and current events in Eastern Europe represent a sad and unfortunate fall from the moment of relief and optimism it encapsulated. It seemed an apt time to revisit "Wind of Change" in the context of other music of transformation and growth. May we all change productively and bear good fruit.

National Quilt Day | Saturday, March 19 was National Quilting Day. The quilts in the front represent the 27.4 million quilts that have been sent around the world in the last 75 years by Lutheran World Relief to those in need. "Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family and friends of Ed Abrahamson; Amanda and children; Wayne Bahr; Bri; Cathy and family and friends; Randy Chambers; Kim Dodigon; Paul Elmshaeuser; Pam Hite; Jeannine; Margaret Puskos; Rothstein family; Satka family; family and friends of Mary Gordon Spence; Donna Stone; Teresa's family; the Ukrainian citizens and refugees and marginalized communities.

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.

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.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, March 20

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Lea Walker-Clark Ordination

Tuesday, March 22

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Wednesday, March 23

- 1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class
- 6:30 pm Lenten Meal provided by St. Martin's Musicians
- 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Sunday, March 27

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

TODAY! Ordination & Affirmation of Lea Walker-Clark | Sunday, March 20th, 2022, 3:00 pm

Lea Walker-Clark will be ordained and affirmed as pastor at Palabra de Vida Ministries on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception following the service. This event is kid friendly, all are welcome, and all should prepare to have fun! The service will also be livestreamed on St. Martin's YouTube, Facebook, and website. You may send acknowledgement to leawalkerclark@gmail.com.

***Blessed Are You* | Lenten Vespers**

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for our Lenten Vespers services at 7:00 pm in the Worship Park. We'll sit by the new fire pit 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.

Easter Lily Sales

The Flower Guild will be selling Easter lilies Sunday March 20 through Sunday, April 10. The cost is \$15.00 each. These will adorn the worship space on Easter Sunday, April 17. Easter lilies may be purchased at church on Sunday mornings or online at saintmartins.org/flowers. Be sure to note on the form or in the memo line online your preferred dedication.

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.