

MAY 8, 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!*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**.*

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

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

My Voice is a Weapon by sk8ermichelle

REFLECTION

A world of hate and criticism.
A world of judging eyes
What more can we do but listen,
As people speak their ignorant lies.
I know I can't stay silent,
Not when I can fight,
Against the blindness that is given
What ignorance will hide.
My words will be my weapon,
My only way to survive,
In a world where what is spoken,
Is what can change our lives.

I will not be silenced,
I will be heard,

For I have something to say.
"Use your words, your voice!
To remain silent is our choice.
Nobody else's but your own,
Say something and you won't stand
alone."

I can not live without my voice,
This is my freedom, and my choice.
A way to fight against it all
The ignorance, the hate, the fall.
I will not stand to be torn down,
I will not stand to be silence.
This world revolves around the
written,

<https://powerpoetry.org/poems/my-voice-weapon>

GATHERING SONG

These are Days - Natalie Merchant & Robert Buck

These are days
These are days you'll remember
Never before and never since
I promise
Will the whole world be warm as this
And as you feel it
You'll know it's true
That you are blessed and lucky
It's true that you
Are touched by something
That will grow in you, in you
These are days you'll remember
When May is rushing over you with
desire
To be part of the miracles you see in
every hour
You'll know it's true that you are
blessed and lucky

It's true that you
Are touched by something
That will grow and bloom in you
These are days
These are the days you might fill with
laughter until you break
These days you might feel a shaft of
light
Make its way across your face
And when you do you'll know how it
was meant to be
See the signs and know their meaning
It's true
You'll know how it was meant to be
Hear the signs and know they're
speaking to you, to you

GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray. **Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us to you and for giving us voices so that we can speak for all your beloved ones. Amen.**

WORD

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

READING

John 10:22-30

The good news from God, according to John.

22-24 They were celebrating Hanukkah just then in Jerusalem. It was winter. Jesus was strolling in the Temple across Solomon's Porch. The Jews, circling him, said, "How long are you going to keep us guessing? If you're the Messiah, tell us straight out."

25-30 Jesus answered, "I told you, but you don't believe. Everything I have done has been authorized by my Father, actions that speak louder than words. You don't believe because you're not my sheep. My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand. The Father who put them under my care is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief. No one could ever get

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 of Easter: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17.

The children come forward for the children's message.

CHILDREN'S SONG

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

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

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along 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
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness
thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2 Help me tread in the paths of
righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

3 I am lost if you take your hand from
me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let thy servant be.
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 or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

One Voice

Ruth Moody

*This is the sound of one voice
One spirit, one voice
The sound of one who makes a choice
This is the sound of one voice
This is the sound of one voice*

*This is the sound of voices two
The sound of me singing with you
Helping each other to make it through
This is the sound of voices two
This is the sound of voices two*

*This is the sound of voices three
Singing together in harmony
Surrendering to the mystery
This is the sound of voices three
This is the sound of voices three*

*This is the sound of all of us
Singing with love and the will to trust
Leave the rest behind it will turn to dust
This is the sound of all of us
This is the sound of all of us*

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.*

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

These are Days

Natalie Merchant and Robert Buck

Events & Announcements

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, May 8

9:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Faith Formation Hour

11:00 am Holy Communion

Tuesday, May 10

9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

Wednesday, May 11

1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class

7:00 pm Music Rehearsals

Thursday, May 12

7:00 pm Round Rock Express

Sunday, May 15

9:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Faith Formation Hour

11:00 am Holy Communion

Evening at the Round Rock Express | Thursday, May 12th, 2022 7:00 pm

Meet your St. Martin's family at the Dell Diamond on May 12 to enjoy a Round Rock Express game together. The game starts at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6 pm. Register and pay online by May 8 to get \$11 lawn tickets. If you prefer to sit in the stands, please still come but

purchase your tickets directly through RR Express. Learn more and register! (Your tickets will be emailed on May 11.)

Volunteers Needed for the Welcome Center

Serve the Church by Smiling and Being Friendly Contact: Mamie Hickerson and Virginia Haas
maymejewel@aol.com | 512-970-2259

Food & Fellowship | Please stay after the service today and enjoy conversation, a cup of coffee, and snacks provided by our wonderful volunteers! All bakers and other lovers of great snacks can sign up to help this ministry by bringing food for fellowship after worship. Store-bought or homemade, sweet or savory: all snacks welcome! Thank you to all those helping with this ministry of hospitality. To sign up, speak to Abby Adams or email at adams.abigail.m@gmail.com.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Tim Fackler - *assisting minister*

- *communion ministers*

St. Martin's Choir; Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, vocals; Austin Haller, piano and vocals; Darin Layne, guitar; Andrew Fuhrman, drums - musicians

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Audrey and Jane; family and friends of Bob Aus; friends and family of Patty Ball; Betsy, Walt, Margie, and Wally; Latoya Chestnut; Richard Coyle; Stan Cravatt; Bob Crouch;Carolynn Elmshaeuser; Cathie Ferguson and family; the Louis Green family; Tom Harris; Anya Hart, James Hart, Deb Johnson; Jeannine and Laura; Jamie, Joy, Carla, and Paul; Bryley Lobash; Cash Matthews, Jenny Ohrstrom; Peggy and Raven; those in New Mexico endangered by wildfires.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Emily Berggren; Eric Bittner; 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; Ukrainian citizens and refugees.