

JUNE 11, 2023

10:00 AM

# SUMMER WORSHIP



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 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!*

We welcome you to our Summer 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.

Families with small children may enjoy playing with toys on the Playground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-5 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.

Hearing assist devices are available. Ask an usher for help.

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.***

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### PRELUDE

Variations on *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* (Word of God, Come Down on Earth) - Johann Gottfried Walther

### GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

### REFLECTION

*We share a piece to invite us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.*

### THERE IS NO FRIGATE LIKE A BOOK

EMILY DICKINSON

There is no Frigate like a Book  
to take us Lands away  
nor any Coursers like a Page  
of prancing Poetry -

this Traverse may the poorest take  
without oppress of Toll -  
how frugal is the Chariot  
that bears the Human Soul.

# GATHERING HYMN

ELW 796

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
4 "Through-out all their life-time my peo-ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je-sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all-suf-fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply.  
my sov-'reign, e-ter-nal, un-change-a-ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem-ples a-dorn,

who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?  
up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand."  
your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo-som be borne."

## GREETING

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

**Amen**

## PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. Amen.**

## WORD

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

## READING

NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

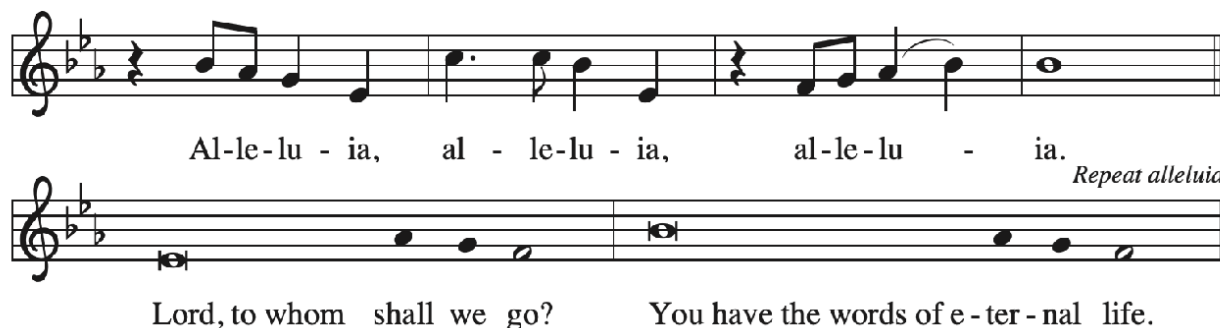
<sup>1</sup> all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>4</sup> Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also the Levites Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiiah helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is pre-

pared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”<sup>11</sup> So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.”<sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time with the Pastor.*

### EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

PENTECOST

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

2 All a - round me looked so fine,

asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of several lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line is labeled 'Refrain'. The second line continues the melody. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line begins with a '2' indicating a second ending. The fifth line also ends with a double bar line and is labeled 'Refrain'.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

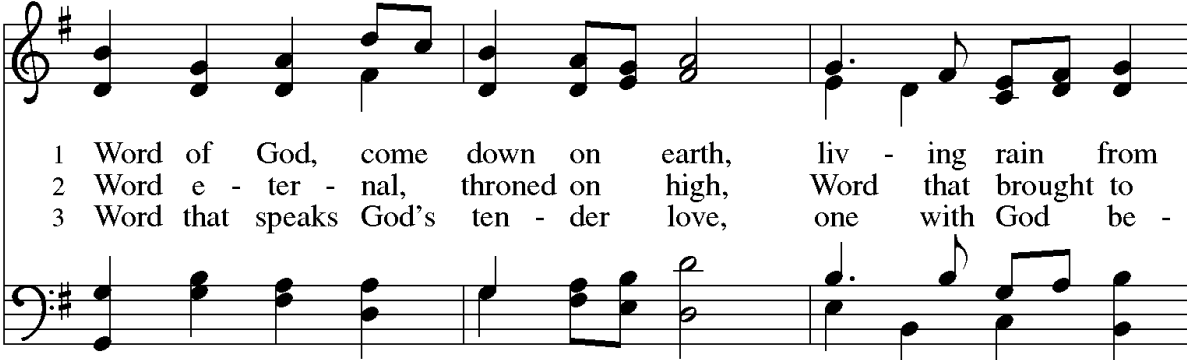
### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Please stand to sing as you are able.*


*Prayer cards, which can be found in the pew pockets, are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH


## LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER



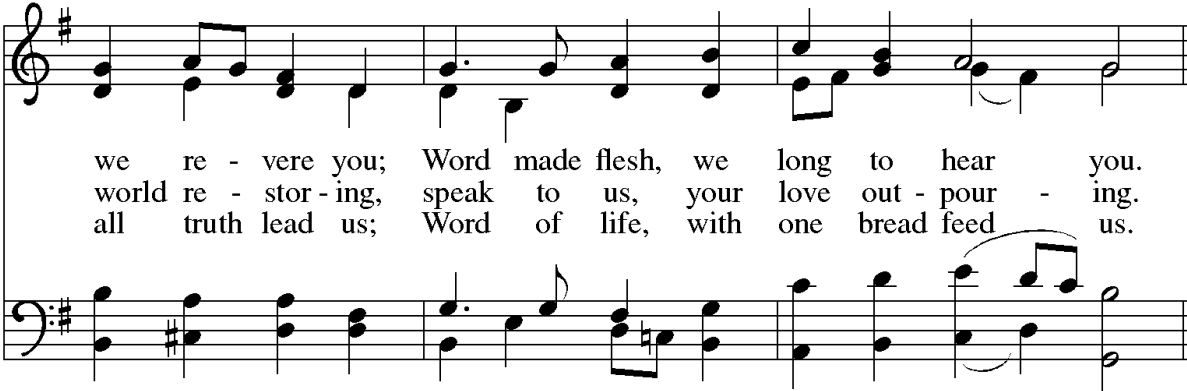
1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

## CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please greet each other, saying "Peace be with you" or similar*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Please be seated.*



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.

## AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

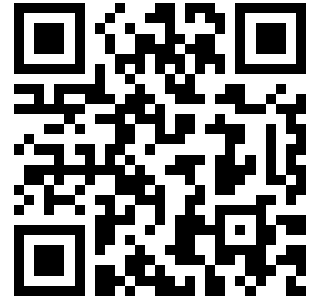
*Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme “At the Table”.*

The table is the place we gather to intentionally share time, stories, fun and often food. Gathering together like this has always helped me transition from a feeling of being tolerated to feeling accepted. Accepted for my quirks not in spite of them, people are happy to listen to my stories and experiences, and are ready to embrace me as I walk through difficult times. The table is a celebration of what sets people apart and that is how we are brought together; a place where there is always an open place for another friend and another story.

Katherine Lutter

## OFFERING

*St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time and our possessions. Now we give as God has so graciously given to us. To donate electronically, go to [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Today's Musical Offering was specially composed by Hal Hopson in honor of Dick Rathgeber's 90th birthday in May. We welcome Hal, who has composed and published over 3000 musical pieces, to worship this morning, and we invite you to sing along! Dick and Sara Rathgeber were recently featured in the Austin American Statesman for their incredible legacy of philanthropy in Austin. We at St. Martin's wish Dick a happy birthday and we are grateful to call the Rathgebers members of our faith community!*

### SING A SONG FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

HAL HOPSON

1. Sing a song for peace and jus - tice, speak for those who can - not speak!  
2. You who live in hap - py plac - es, who can laugh and speak and sing,  
3. Thou sands cry in name - less pris - ons, plead with power that hold the key;—

Refrain

Claim the world for peace and jus - tice: let the strong sup - port the weak. Light a can - dle  
list - en for the oth - er voice - es mutewith fear and suf - fer - ing. pleadthat hu - man rights be hon ored, that the in - no - cent go free.

in the darkness, hope and free dom must not die! Hope and free dom must not die

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

God of the harvest, **receive these gifts of the earth and human labor with the offering of our hearts. Feed us with your bread and cup, that we may be signs of your gracious life made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

## 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic...

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer....

we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds,...

to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*The people are seated.*

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. You will receive the bread in your hands, please consume and then pick up a plastic cup to receive the wine. Grape juice cups are in the center of each tray. Gluten free bread is available. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the minister know to bring communion to you.*

*A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are welcome to light a prayer candle in the north transept (left front).*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

HOPSON

## TABLE BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always. **Amen**

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. **We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

The peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in + Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 661

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

HANKEY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Pentecost* (Every Time I Feel the Spirit)

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *presiding*

Vicar Cecie Suknaic Saulnier - *preaching/assisting minister*

Anna Bergstrom, Jennifer Anderson - *communion assistants*

Tim O'Brien - *Organist & Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Associate Director of Music*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*