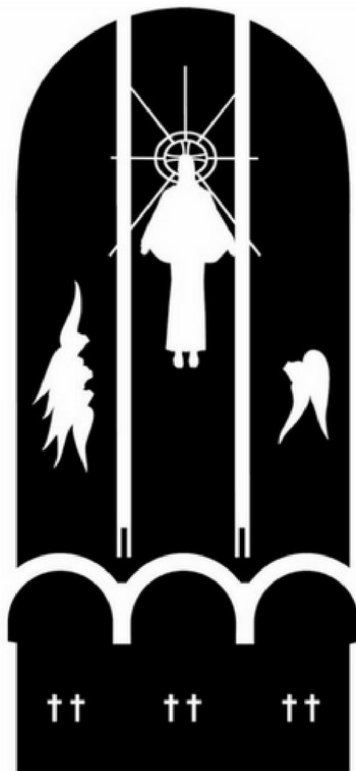


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# SUMMER WORSHIP



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 Prayground 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

### 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.*

### NAMES MATTER

AMY LUDWIG VANDERWATER

It said, "I am a flower."  
I said, "You are a weed."  
It asked, "But are you positive?"  
I said, "I am indeed."

I promised, "I will never tell.  
But why do you seem sad?"  
It said, "Flowers are beautiful.  
Weeds make people mad."

It sighed, "If what you say is true  
I beg you now. I plead.  
Please never breathe a word  
Of this sad matter to my seed."

I said, "Your family fills my yard  
with coins of golden grace."  
She smiled and blew a tiny seed  
Into my grateful face.

# GATHERING HYMN

ELW 470

*Please stand as you are able.*

## DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

UNION SEMINARY

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER

Let us pray. **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

## PSALM

PSALM 86:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me  
may see it and be put to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**Amen**

## 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

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

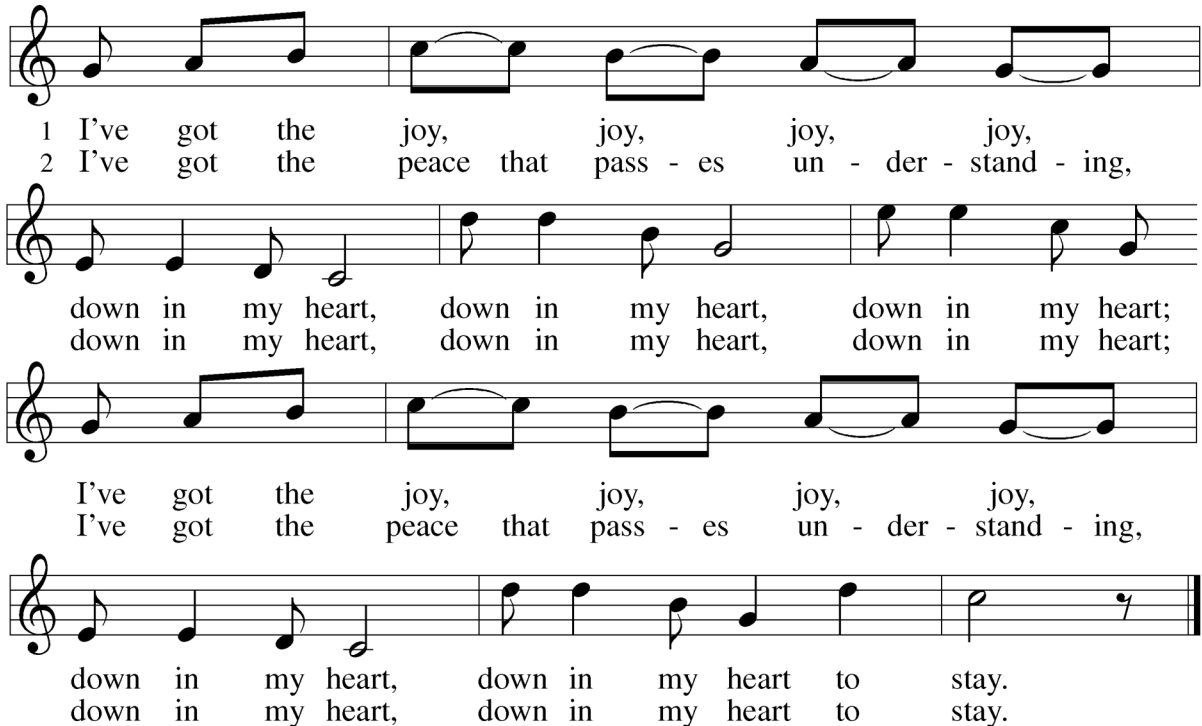
Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SONG

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

I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY

DOWN IN MY HEART



1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

## 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).*

# GOD LOVES US IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

DUNDEE

1. God loves us in my - ster - ious ways be - yond all sin or shame;  
 2. More light and truth have yet to break from God's e - ter - nal Word;  
 3. We take a chance on God, and fall to high - er depths of love;  
 4. Bind up the wounds of shun and stray for pro - di - gals new found  
 5. "Come forth!" from deep, con - fin - ing tombs of gen - der, class, and race  
 6. A place where friends are swell and true and lives and loves in - creased;

rich bles - sings for our wear - y days as love dares speak its name.  
 sure - heart - ed and with hope we take new leaps of faith un - blurred.  
 in faith and flesh we heed God's call to o - pen doors a - bove.  
 and set us on our home - ward way un - bul - lied and un - bound.  
 en - gen - dered here: wide o - pen rooms that of - fer pride of place.  
 till all who come are wel - comed to the Lamb's own mar - riage feast.

## 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.*

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

IN BABILONE



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”.*

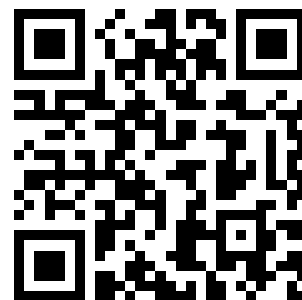
One evening in college I joined an advertised free meal, grabbing a seat near friends. 47 of the 50 tables were then served small amounts of rice and beans – akin to what most of the world’s population survives on. Two tables were served boxed meals. One was served an elaborate multi-course meal while the rest of us looked on, long after our plates were empty.

This experience reshaped my view of the table, who sits at it, and what sits on it. Most of the world subsists on what we consider unacceptable, while nearly all Americans dine at a figurative multi-course table. Walking away with a belly viscerally attesting to this gap raised questions and responsibilities that I wrestle with to this day.

Anita Salmon

## 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

### 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

### 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

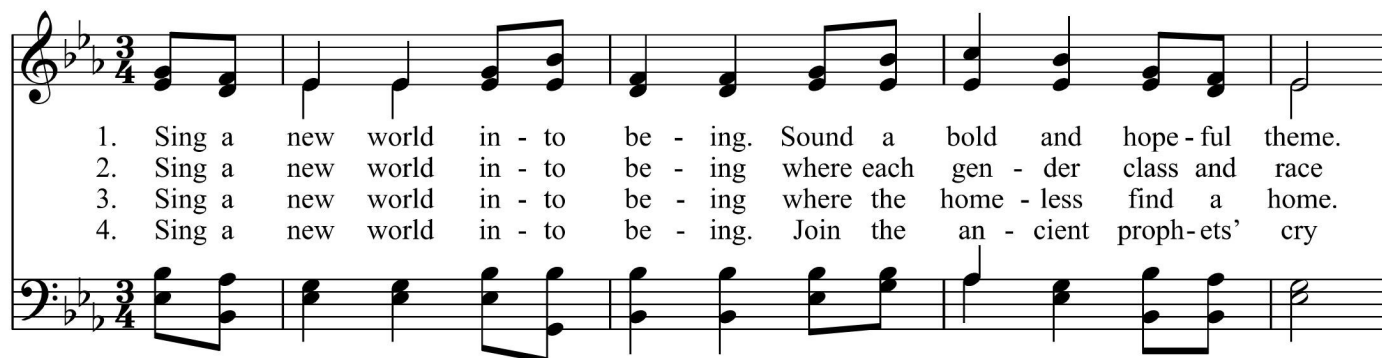
*Please stand as you are able.*

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

# SENDING HYMN

## SING A NEW WORLD INTO BEING

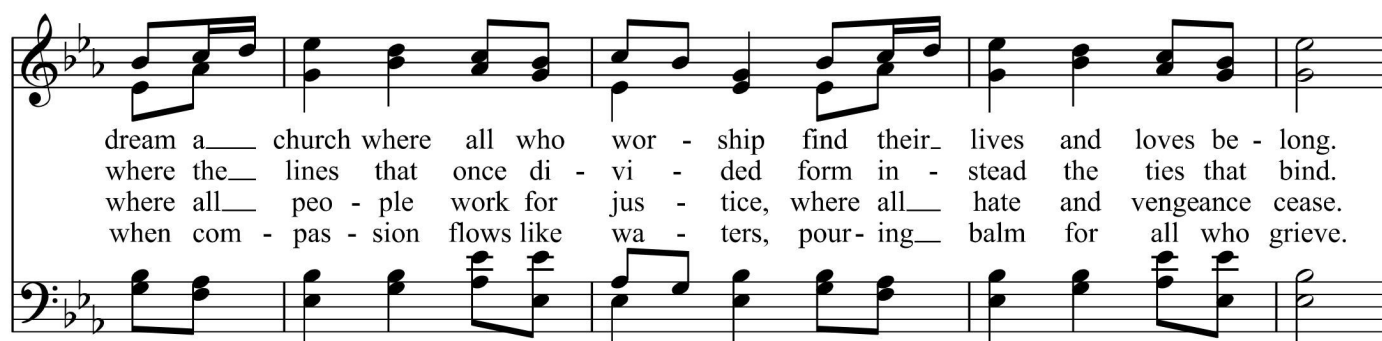
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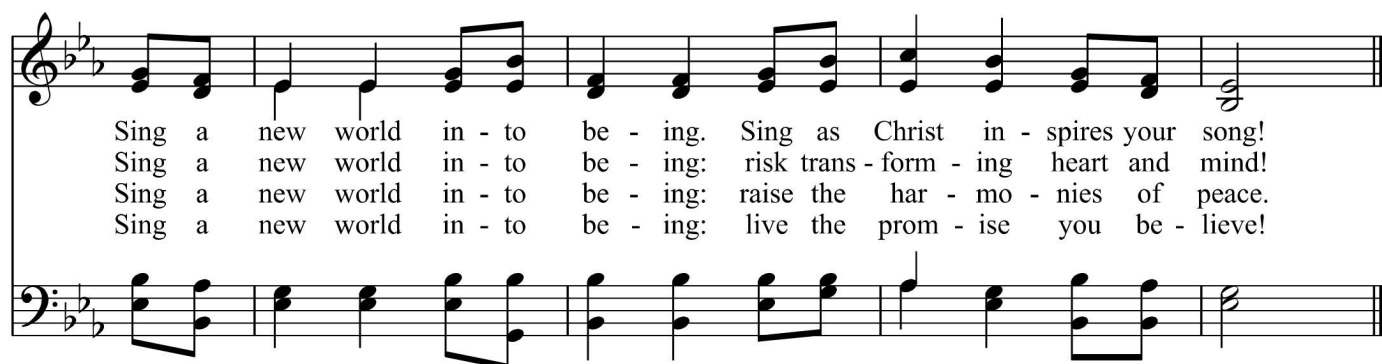
1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.  
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race  
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.  
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph-ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;  
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;  
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.  
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.  
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *presiding*

Pastor Katy Miles-Wallace - *preaching/co-presiding*

Virginia Haas - *communion assistants*

- *acolytes*

Mamie Hickerson - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Andrew Fuhrman, organ

Darin Layne, David Pulkingham - guitars

Viera Buzgova - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*