

JULY 30, 2023

10:00 AM

SUMMER WORSHIP



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*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.***

PRELUDE

CARILLON

MALCOLM ARCHER

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.

THE HILL WE CLIMB

AMANDA GORMAN

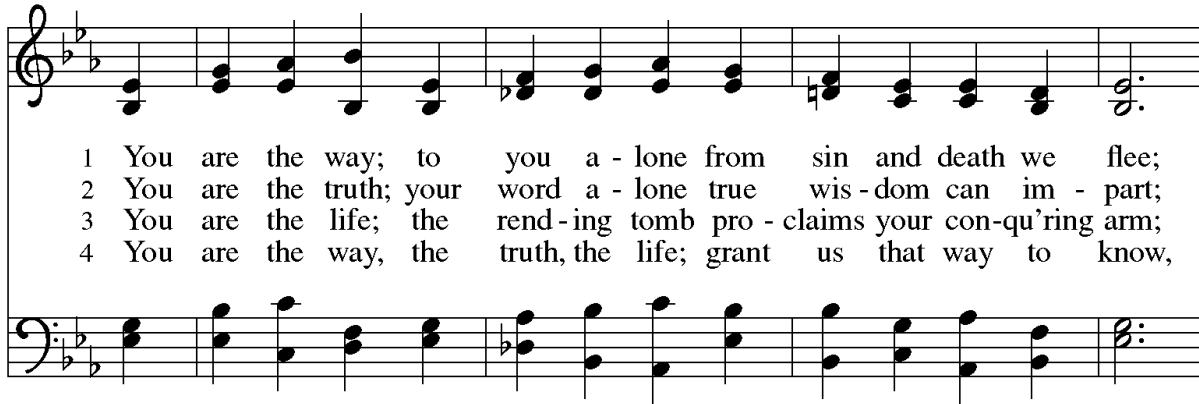
GATHERING HYMN

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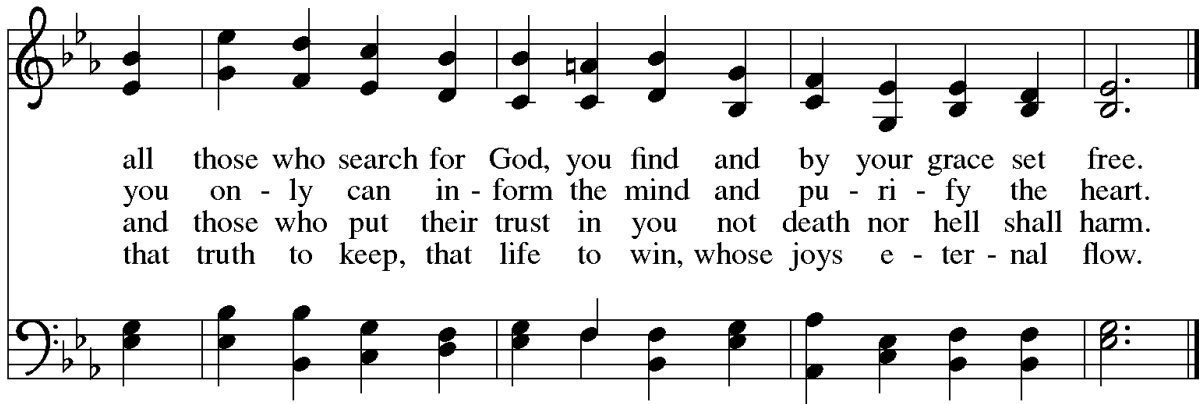
Please stand as you are able.

YOU ARE THE WAY

DUNDEE



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

GREETING

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

Amen

PRAYER

Let us pray. **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

READING

2CORINTHIANS 8:8-15

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. ¹¹Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. ¹³For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, word of Life. **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

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ [Jesus] put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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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,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



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 love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



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.

AS RIVERS FLOW FROM A DISTANT SPRING

HÖKELUND



1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring
 2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor
 3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade
 4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,



to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,



so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,



to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

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.

INSTALLATION OF AUSTIN J SHORTES AS YOUTH MINISTER

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”.

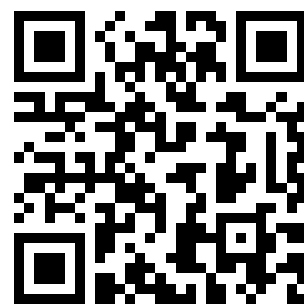
My husband and I were one of the last couples to be married by Rev. Edward Long in the 14th St. Sanctuary on April 11, 1959. On our first anniversary we moved into our new home which we designed, built, and filled with a lot of new furnishings, including a white Formica table. This table was used for prayer time and all our family meals. Around 2004 I inherited a nice wooden table, hand made for my parents by a local craftsman. The old Formica table was stored for possible use by our granddaughters.

Six years ago our oldest daughter and her husband moved to Ft. Worth with his work. They purchased a lovely new home with a room that has floor-to-ceiling windows, which my daughter, an excellent quilter, designated as her “stitching room”. The Formica table fits perfectly and has found a new home for many years to come. The table our daughter once sat at as a baby is now used to create quilts for our great-grandbaby. Good memories—welcome to your new home old friend.

JoAnn Pitcher

OFFERING

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given to us. To donate electronically,
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MUSICAL OFFERING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

ARR. MARTHA LYNN THOMPSON

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

Schicksalslenker, blicke nieder, Auf ein dankerfülltes Herz, Uns belebt die Freude wieder, Fern entflohn ist jeder Schmerz. Und das Leid, es ist vergessen, Durch die Nebel strahlt der Glanz Deiner Größe unermessen, Wie aus hellem Sternenkranz. Liebevoll nahmst du der Leiden Herben Kelch von Vaters Mund, Darum ward in Fern und Weiten Deine höchste Milde kund.

God of every destiny, look down, Upon our thankful hearts; We are revived by joy, Far removed from every pain. And sorrow, it is forgotten, Through the fog shines the light of your unmeasurable greatness, As from a bright ring of stars. Full of love, you took sorrow's bitter cup from grateful lips; This made known far and wide Your highest benevolence.

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

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GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

INTRODUCTION TO GLORIA: *ALLEGRO* ANTONIO VIVALDI; ARR. TREVOR WEBB

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Kathy Edgar - *assisting minister*

Anitra Coulter - *reader*

Becky Montgomery, Debbie Alkire - *communion assistants*

- *acolytes*

Connie Grosskopf - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Organist and Associate Director of Music*

St. Martin's Bell Camp

Jennifer Anderson, Susie Cobb, Ellen Williams, Abby Adams, Whitney Myers,

August Anderson, Viera Buzgova

Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano; Katherine Altobello O'Brien, mezzo-soprano;

Jameson James, tenor; Gil Zilkha, bass

Scot & Grant Salmon - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

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