

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 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

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.

LET AMERICA BE AMERICA AGAIN

LANGSTON HUGHES

MARC POUHÉ - is an actor based out of Austin, Texas. He serves as the Board Vice President of Austin Shakespeare. Marc has played numerous leading roles at Austin Shakespeare, Austin Playhouse, ZACH Theatre, and Mary Moody Northen Theatre.

Marc is a winner of multiple Austin Critics' Table Awards and a recipient of the John Bustin Award for Conspicuous Versatility. He has been recognized by The Austin Chronicle as the Best of Austin "Best Classic Leading Man". Marc holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electronic Media and Theatre from Texas State University.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 548

Please stand as you are able.

RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN

SURGE ECCLESIA



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

PSALM

PSALM 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides .

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 16: 21-28

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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.

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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.

Refrain/Estrillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón

y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move
- 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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

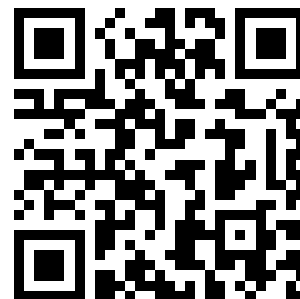
Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme “At the Table”.

My family gathered at the same table for every evening meal and we could not begin eating until after we recited together “Come Lord Jesus be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.”

After many years, when the family gathers for any meal, we still continue with that same prayer. Sometimes it seems like we just say the words because they are required, other times it does seem like we are inviting Jesus to join us at our family meal. I have come to understand that whether or not I invite Jesus, he is already at our table, with our family, and sharing his love with each of us. I hope that after our parents pass, we will continue this tradition with every meal we share. Anonymous

OFFERING

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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 or scan the QR code.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

I WILL FOLLOW

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You.

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my side
High above my life
I will trust in You alone.

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone,
in You alone.

CHRIS TOMLIN

In You there's life
everlasting
In You there's freedom
for my soul
In You there's joy,
unending joy
And I will follow You.

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

LEAN ON ME

BILL WITHERS

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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God bless you always
Happy Birthday to you!

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

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

SOJOURNER

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Ann Howard - *assisting minister*

Marc Pouhé - *reader*

Carey Henderson - *communion assistant*

Seth Salmon - *acolyte*

Becky Montgomery - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Organist and Associate Director of Music*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, Austin Haller - *vocals*

Andrew Fuhrman - *drums*; Darin Layne - *guitar*; Jay Clement - *bass*

Robert Harlan - *video*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*