

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

9:00 AM

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

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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 Family Worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. 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 0-4 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex or you can listen through your smartphone. The ushers are happy to help you.

*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

Please take a moment to greet your neighbors as we begin to worship together.

REFLECTION

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

IF

RUDYARD KIPLING

GATHERING SONG

TEN THOUSAND REASONS: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL JONAS MYRIN AND MATT REDMAN

Please

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

1.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing,

it's time to sing Your song a-gain. What - ev - er may_ pass, and what

ev - er lies be fore_ me, let me be sing-ing when the eve-ning

2. 3.

comes. Bless the 2. You're rich in love and You're 3. And on that day, when my

slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come;

all Your good-ness, I will keep on sing - ing; Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing.

GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray. **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord . Amen.**

WORD

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

READING

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

Please stand 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.

FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

(ELW 605)
TWENTY-FOURTH



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PRAYERS

*Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.***

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 or scan the QR code.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

WONDERFUL WORLD, BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

JIMMY CLIFF

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

**God, you have given us so much and we thank you for your
generosity. Please use these gifts we bring to make our world better.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might
be satisfied by your abundance...

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.

Remembering, therefore ...

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in
your holy Church, both now and forever.

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

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a cup to receive wine. 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 let the communion assistants know. A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table in the front left corner of the Apse.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

FORGIVENESS WALTZ

JOHNATHAN RUNDMAN

it's like a dance

it's like a wheel

less like math

less like a deal

more like a heartbreak

beginning to heal

we can start over

we know forgiveness

these are hard words to hear

in a world where nothing is free

and it's hard to trust in a promise

that sounds too good to believe

but know that it's true

this is for you

it's like a dance

it's like a wheel

less like math

less like a deal

more like a heartbreak

beginning to heal

we can start over

we know forgiveness

it's so easy to drown

in the numbers and judgements and

earnings

keeping score, keeping track, keeping

time

as the hours keep turning

but you can turn a new way

it's a new day

it's like a dance

it's like a wheel

less like math

less like a deal

more like a heartbreak

beginning to heal

we can start over

we know forgiveness

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.

Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that renews us so we can be your presence in our world. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

The children are dismissed at 9:45am to go to the Chapel.

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The God of all,
who raised+ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

WONDERFUL GRACE



1 Won-der - ful grace of Je - sus, great - er than all my sin;
2 Won-der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing to all the lost,
3 Won-der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing the most de - filed,



how shall my tongue de - scribe it, where shall its praise be - gin?
by it I have been par - doned, saved to the ut - ter - most.
by its trans - form - ing pow - er I now am God's dear child.



Tak - ing a - way my bur - den, set - ting my spir - it free—
Chains have been torn a - sun - der, giv - ing me lib - er - ty—
Pur - chas - ing peace and heav - en for all e - ter - ni - ty—



the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.
the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.
the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.

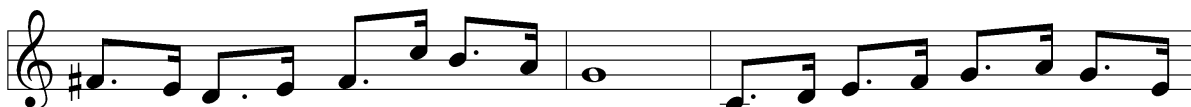
Refrain



Won-der-ful the match-less grace of Je - sus, deep - er than the might-y roll - ing



sea; high - er than the moun - tain, spar - kling like a foun - tain,



all suf-fi - cient grace for e - ven me; broad - er than the scope of my trans -



gres - sions, great - er far than all my sin and shame; oh,



mag - ni - fy the pre - cious name of Je - sus, praise his name!

DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share and serve boldly!
And give thanks to God. Amen!

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Ann Howard - *assisting minister*

Debbie Alkire - *communion assistants*

Thane Myers - *acolyte*

Tim Fackler - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, vocals; Angelo Lembesis, piano;
Andrew Fuhrman, drums; Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - *musicians*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

Pat Larson - *Welcome Center*