

OCTOBER 8, 2023

9:00 AM

19TH 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

BLACKBIRD

PAUL MCCARTNEY

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.

BLACKBIRD

Blackbird exists to bring good cheer and urges the unrepresented, the broken-winged, or darkened spirit to take heart and fly without fear."



GATHERING SONG

MORNING HAS BROKEN

BUNESSAN

Please stand as you are able.

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

GREETING

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

Amen

PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READING

MATTHEW 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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.


ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

ROYAL OAK


Refrain




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,



Refrain
God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.

CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

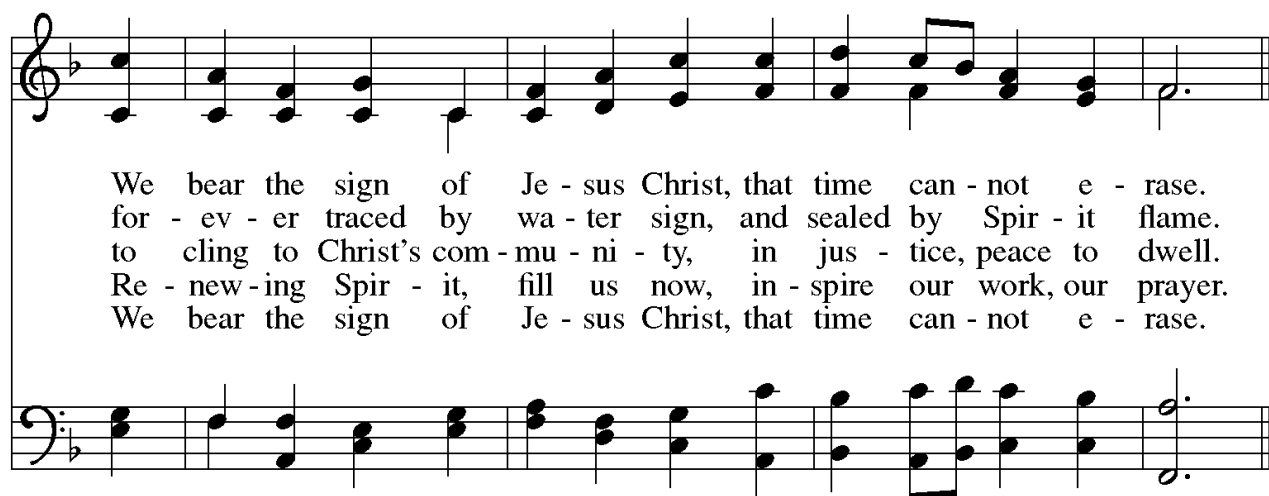
HYMN OF THE DAY

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.



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
 2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
 3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
 4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
 5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.
 for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
 to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
 Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
 We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.

PRAYERS

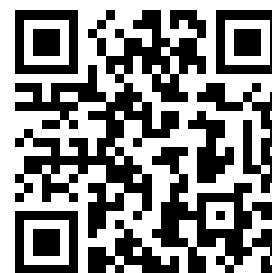
Each petition ends with: God of Grace, hear our prayer

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
MY FEET ARE ON THE ROCK

JOSH BRONLEEWE, MATTHEW HEIN,
LINDSEY SWEAT AND ABBIE PARKER

I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds they try to shake me
I will not be moved my feet are on the Rock

I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the Rock

When I feel my hope about to break
I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain

I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands
Our feet are on the Rock

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 near the altar.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

MAY I SUGGEST

SUSAN WERNER

May I suggest
May I suggest to you
May I suggest this is the best
part of your life

May I suggest
This time is blessed for you
This time is blessed and shining
almost blinding bright

Just turn your head
And you'll begin to see
The thousand reasons that were
just beyond your sight

The reasons why
Why I suggest to you
Why I suggest this is the best
part of your life

There is a world
That's been addressed to you
Addressed to you, intended only
for your eyes

A secret world
Like a treasure chest to you
Of private scenes and brilliant dreams
that mesmerize

A lover's trusting smile
A tiny baby's hands
The million stars that fill the
turning sky at night

Oh I suggest
Oh I suggest to you
Oh I suggest this is the best
part of your life

There is a hope
That's been expressed in you
The hope of seven generations,
maybe more

And this is the faith
That they invest in you
It's that you'll do one better than
was done before

Inside you know
Inside you understand
Inside you know what's yours
to finally set right

And I suggest
And I suggest to you
And I suggest this is the best
part of your life

This is a song
Comes from the west to you
Comes from the west, comes from
the slowly setting sun

With a request
With a request of you
To see how very short the endless
days will run

And when they're gone
And when the dark descends
Oh we'd give anything for one more
hour of light

And I suggest this is the best
part of your life

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 together.

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

I SHALL NOT BE MOVED

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Refrain

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,
2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the
3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,
4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved;
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Refrain

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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*

Kathy Edgar - *assisting minister*

communion assistants

acolytes

Whitney Myers- *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music

Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums;

Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - *musicians*

Mike Kaase- *sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

Donna Gunter- *Welcome Center*

Altar Guild