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9:00 AM

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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!

Welcome to St. Martin's 9AM Service

This relaxed and reflective service gathers us as one family in Christ. The Holy Spirit brings us together around God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. At the communion table, Christ meets us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, then sends us out to share good news and love with the world.

Families with children are especially welcome. Little ones may enjoy the Prayground rug in the Narthex, and the nursery is open for ages 0–4. The joyful sounds of children are a treasured part of our worship.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex, or you may listen through your smartphone. Our ushers are happy to help.

Please check in at the Welcome Desk or on your phone and make a name tag so we can greet you by name.

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **Spoken responses are in bold.***

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The tower bell rings as we begin worship.

WELCOME

Please stand and take a moment to say hello to those near you.

Please be seated.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

WAY DOWN IN THE HOLE

TOM WAITS

When you walk through the garden
You gotta watch your back
Well, I beg your pardon
Walk the straight and narrow track
If you walk with Jesus
He's gonna save your soul
You gotta keep the devil
Way down in the hole
He's got the fire and the fury
At his command
Well, you don't have to worry
If you hold on to Jesus' hand
We'll all be safe from Satan
When the thunder rolls
We just gotta help me keep the devil
Way down in the hole
All the angels sing
About Jesus' mighty sword
And they'll shield you with their wings
And keep you close to the lord
Don't pay heed to temptation
For his hands are so cold
You gotta help me keep the devil
Way down in the hole

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

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;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

READING

MATTHEW 4:1-11

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

CHILDREN'S SONG

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR 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

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION



1 Yield not to temp - ta - tion, for yield-ing is sin;
2 Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, bad lan - guage dis - dain;
3 God saves us in tri - al, God gives us the crown;

each vic - t'ry will help you some oth - er to win;
 God's name hold in rev - 'rence, nor take it in vain;
 through faith we shall con - quer, though of - ten cast down;

fight val - iant - ly on - ward, dark pas - sions sub - due.
 be thought - ful and ear - nest, kind - heart - ed and true.
 Christ Je - sus our Sav - ior our strength will re - new.

Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.
 Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.
 Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.

Refrain

Ask the Sav - ior to help you, com - fort, strength - en, and keep you;

he is will - ing to aid you, he will car - ry you through.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

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

LONG BLACK TRAIN

JOSH TURNER

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| There's a long black train comin' down the line Feeding off the souls that are lost and cryin' Rails of sin, only evil remains Watch out, brother, for that long black train Look to the Heavens, you can look to the sky You can find redemption staring back into your eyes There is protection and there's peace the same Burnin' your ticket for that long black train 'Cause there's victory in the Lord, I say Victory in the Lord Cling to the Father and His Holy name And don't go ridin' on that long black train There's an engineer on that long black train Makin' you wonder if the ride is worth the pain He's just a-waitin' on your heart to say "Let me ride on that long black train" | But you know there's victory in the Lord, I say Victory in the Lord Cling to the Father and His Holy name And don't go ridin' on that long black train Well, I can hear the whistle from a mile away It sounds so good but I must stay away That train is a beauty makin' everybody stare But its only destination is the middle of no- where But you know there's victory in the Lord, I say Victory in the Lord Cling to the Father and His Holy name And don't go ridin' on that long black train I said cling to the Father and His Holy name And don't go ridin' on that long black train Yeah, watch out brother for that long black train That devil's drivin' that long black train |
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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Holy God,

our living Water and...

We praise you for Christ...

Pouring out his life for the world.

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.

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;

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 ... Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. You will receive the bread in your hands; please intinct (dip) the bread into the communion bowl, then consume. Grape juice is available on the small table near the altar. Gluten free wafers are available on the communion plate. 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. You are invited to bring your personal prayer concerns to the Stephen Minister who will be at the station at the front of the church. You are welcome to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The children and teachers are dismissed at 9:45am to go to their classrooms.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the refrain and three verses of the song. The second system contains the concluding lines of the song, including three 'Ref.' (Refrain) markings.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pr. Cecie Suknaic Saulnier - *preaching/presiding*
Charlie Crouch - *assisting minister*
- *communion assistants*
- *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*
Mike Bruemmer - *ushers*
Donna Gunter - *Welcome Center*
Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder,
Dina Ortiz - *Altar Guild*
Tom Friedrich - *fellowship snacks*

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