

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 15, 2017
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

ONE: When we wait patiently for the Lord, He hears our deepest longing.

MANY: God puts ground beneath our feet and makes our steps secure.

ONE: God will give us a new song to sing, a song of praise to our God.

MANY: Many will see and be amazed; the people will put their trust in the Lord.

ONE: Happy are those who ground themselves in the Lord.

MANY: And happy are those who choose God over things that do not last.

ALL: Let us praise and worship our God!

***Hymn of Adoration**

“Gather Us In”

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Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us to follow you, to “come and see” new life in you each day. We choose you sometimes. Other times, we are seduced by entertainment, by work, by busyness or by comfort. Forgive us for the times that we choose anger over reconciliation and for the times when we choose complacency over caring. Strengthen us, guide us and lead us to new life in you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God lets go of judgment and gives us mercy in its place. God puts a new spirit into us, the spirit of hope and joy. We give thanks to the One who has delivered us from our sins. We praise God with cleansed hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.

I am thankful for

Greetings and Extravagant Welcome

Children's Time

“Jesus Loves Me”

Prayer Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

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Prayer of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

Worshiping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings

*** Offering Response**

“Give Thanks”

***Offertory Prayer**

Choral Selection

St. Martin Choir

The Written Word:

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following he said to them. “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Commission and Blessing

ALL: We are God’s people, called to share his love and joy. Let us go, inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that we may be faithful to the gospel and bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

ONE: Let us go blessed and sent in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Threefold Amen

Postlude

In our Thoughts and Prayers - Please Remember These People in Prayer:

Karen Boemler, Virginia Ahlvers, Mary Ann Potthoff, Barbara Eckhardt, Sheila Zagari, Judy Cope, Rita Watterson, Della Lang, and Curtis Israel.

	LEADERS TODAY	9:30 am
Ushers:	Jim Bauer	Clardean Schmieder
Reader: Shirley Miller		Greeter: Dee St. Clair
Nursery: Sandy Neraliach		Children’s Church: Shannon
Attendance for January 8, 2017	9:30 AM.	48

The URL of the St. Martin’s Website is <http://www.stmartin-ucc-hr.50webs.com>

(Churchline and Bulletins are available for viewing/download in PDF format.)

Please sign your name in the green folder, pass it down the pew for everyone to sign, tear off sheet and place the sheet in the offering plate. If you have a suggestion or a question for Council, please leave a note in the suggestion box located in the narthex.

THIS WEEK: January 15– January 21

Today	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church Lunch & Congregation Mtg.
Next Sunday	8:20 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church

SANCTUARY FLOWERS In honor of Brittney's birthday from Grandma & Grandpa.

BULLETINS – In Honor of Hazel Rose's 95th birthday from the Rose Family.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO Rev. John Allen for leading worship this morning. He will also be with us the next two Sundays.

CHURCH ENVELOPES – Please pick up your envelope box for 2017 in the narthex. If you do not see your name and want envelopes, please contact Esther McNamee.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING --TODAY – Please stay for lunch served by the Men's fellowship and the annual meeting at 12 noon.

BLANKET DRIVE The Confirmands and Sunday School Kids are collecting new blankets or lightly used blankets on January 15, 22 and 29. for Feed My People.

NURSERY - Nursery is now available for children to go to immediately following children's time.

DONATION – You can donate to the church on our website <http://stmartin-ucc-hr.50webs.com> through the Paypal program. Click on "donation" tab and make your contribution to the current, or memorial, fund.

SCHNUCK'S CARDS- are now available on the table in the narathex. St. Martin receives 1-3% profit from this fundraising effort.

SHOP N' SAVE- scripts are available from Ginger. St. Martin receives 5% profit from this fundraising effort.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY-15) *Craig Vaughn*, 16) *Karen Schaefer*, 18) *Hazel Rose*, 19) *Teri Finan*, *Chrissie Burgess*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES- None