

*St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 29, 2017
Dean Emmert, Music Director*

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

Introit

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 140)**

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 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #96**

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us “blessed.” Sometimes we believe it, other times we do not. When we believe it, we can be kind, patient and brave. When we are seduced by entertainment, by work, by busyness or by comfort, we can forget. 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. Amen.

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 will 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 **"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"** **#587**

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 " I Will Glory in the Cross" **St. Martin Choir**

The Written Word:

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Spoken Word **"Vulnerable Yet Strong"** **Rev. John Allen**

Commission and Blessing

MANY: 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 Zaggarri, Judy Cope, Rita Watterson, Della Lang, Curtis Israel, Ruth Hart and Bill Dautenhahn.

	LEADERS TODAY	9:30 am
Ushers:	Don Self	
Reader: Grace Self		Greeter: Don Self
Nursery: Diana Ross		Children’s Church: Jane Small
Attendance for January 22, 2017 9:30 AM.		

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.

HIS WEEK: January 29– February 4

Today	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church
Thursday	7:00PM	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	9:00 AM	Men's Fellowship
Next Sunday	8:20 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church

SANCTUARY FLOWERS –In Memory of Maxine Hoyne from the Hoyne Family.

BULLETINS – Not sponsored

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.

BLANKET DRIVE Today is the last Sunday to bring your blanket for Feed My People.

RESULTS FROM CONGREGATIONAL meeting: The budget was approved and all the nominations were elected. Following the meeting the Council met to elect officers: President-Donna Goede, Vice President-Dale Rose, Recording Secretary-Shirley Miller, Financial Secretary-Esther McNamee, Treasurer-Ginger Washington

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 SCRIPTS- are now available on the window sill in the narthex. 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-31) *Joe Ahlvers*, 2-1) *Alberta Lewellen*