

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, February 12, 2017
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

ONE: The Apostle Paul said, "You are God's field."

MANY: **We gather, asking that God give growth to the seeds of our lives..**

ONE: We gather, trusting Christ's Presence as our Divine Gardener.

MANY: **Teach us to open ourselves to all that brings growth. Raise up to abundant life all that seems dead, both in our hearts and in our world.**

ONE: As we worship you this day with open and receptive hearts.

***Hymn of Adoration "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #59**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gentle and Holy God, you garden us body and soul, helping us to rise up and blossom out. Too often, we refuse the sun of your love, preferring the shadow of our own darkness. Too often, we reject the rain of your mercy, and drink deep instead from harsh contempt and judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us all the ways we refuse to green out into your gracious Spirit. Help us to live our lives with greater openness and compassion. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One we trust to plant, cultivate, and bring our lives to a sure harvest. Amen

Words of Assurance

Know that our Gardener God will never forsake us. Even now, God forgives you. God has planted you; God will cultivate you; God will bring your life to fruition. Trust this Good News.

I am thankful for

Greetings and Extravagant Welcome

Children's Time **“Jesus Loves Me”**

Prayer Hymn **“Blessed Assurance”** **#426**

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**

Special Music

John Cole

The Written Word:

I Corinthians 3:1-9

The Spoken Word

“You Are God's Field”

Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt

***Departing Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

#411

Commission and Blessing

You are God's field!

Go forth knowing that without darkness,

nothing is every planted,

as without light,

nothing ever blossoms.

May we go forth, rooted in God's very love

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, Curtis Israel, Ruth Hart, Kathy Dishner, and Bill Dautenhahn.

LEADERS TODAY 9:30 am	
Ushers:	Marie Gates
Reader: Fred Dishner	Greeter: Dee St. Clair
Nursery: Esther McNamee	Children's Church: Meredith
Attendance for February 5, 2017 9:30 AM. 62	

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(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: February 12– February 18

Today	9:30AM	Worship with Communion Children's Church
Monday	7:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Next Sunday	8:20 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church

SANCTUARY FLOWERS Happy Birthday to daughter, Linda, Love from Edna

BULLETINS –Harry and Clara Grupe

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.

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 from Gary Malone. 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-12) *Erich Ellerman*, 15) *Clare Grupe*, 17) *Liz Downer*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY February 12, 2017

Revised Common Lectionary

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Sirach 15:15-20 If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Psalms 119:1-8 Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh,

and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5:21-37 "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.