

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, February 19, 2017
John Allen - Pastor Dean Emmert, Music Director

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

ONE: Let us praise the Lord!

MANY: **Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty
firmament!**

ONE: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his
greatness!

MANY: **Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and
harp!**

ONE: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings
and pipe!

MANY: **Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud
clashing cymbals!**

ONE: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

ALL: **Praise the Lord!**

***Hymn of Adoration**

“Rise Up O Saints Of God”

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Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us into maturity and wholeness. You ask us to come to you wholehearted and alive. Forgive us for the times that we hide from your mercy and deny the grace that you offer each day. Forgive us for the times that we ignore each other and when we treat those we love as strangers. Help us to grow. Help us to call on you when we are at our weakest and most vulnerable. For our strength is 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 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 **“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”** **#661**

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:

Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Spoken Word **“Wholeness and Maturity”** **Rev. John Allen**

***Departing Hymn** **“Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace ”** **#587**

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:*

Virginia Ahlvers, Mary Ann Potthoff, Sheila Zagari, Judy Cope, Rita Watterson, Della Lang, Kathy Dishner, Diana Ross, and Curtis Israel.

	LEADERS TODAY	9:30 am
Ushers:	Jim Bauer	Clardean Schmieder
Reader: Donna Goede		Greeter: Sandy Neraliach
Nursery:		Children's Church: Shannon
Attendance for February 12, 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.

THIS WEEK: February 19– February 26

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 Lilly's birthday! Love from Grandma and Grandpa

BULLETINS – Blessings to our community from the Downer Family

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 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-23) *Hanna Elizabeth*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES- None