

*St. Martin United Church of Christ  
Sunday, March 5, 2017  
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Interim Pastor  
Dean Emmert, Music Director*

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*\*All that are able please stand at asterisk*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship (Matthew 4:1-11)**

ONE: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

MANY: **The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

ONE: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

ANY: **Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

ONE: People of God, at his kingdom crossroad, whom will you  
serve?

MANY: **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration “O Worship the King” #2 vs. 1,2,4**

**Call to Confession (Psalm 32:1-5)**

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God’s grace. Let us confess our sin.

**Unison Prayer of Confession (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)**

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray; cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance (Psalm 32:1, 11)**

ONE: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

MANY: **Thanks be to God!**

## **Greetings and Extravagant Welcome**

**Children's Time      "Jesus Loves Me"**

**Prayer Hymn                      "He Lives"                      #302 vs. 1 & 3**

### **Prayer of the People**

**Pastor:** Lord in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayers.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Blessing of the Interim Pastor (See Insert)**

**Anthem                      "Lamb of God"                      St. Martin Choir**

**Introduction of Rev. Dale Parson   Associate Conference Minister  
Greetings from the Missouri Mid-South Conference**

**Pastoral Search Committee Commissioning (See Insert)**

**Worshiping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offering Response                      "Doxology"**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**The Written Word:                      Matthew 4:1-11**

**Spoken Word:                      "Tempted to Be God"  
*Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt***

### **Silent Reflection**

How might you grow in faith and draw near to Jesus through the forty days of Lent? Let Jesus' three responses to the devil be your guide: (1) study Scripture (live by the Word of God, Mt. 4:4; (2) seek reconciliation with God and others (do not put God to the test, Mt 4:7); (3) be active and intentional about participating in the worship of your church (worship the Lord your God, Mt. 4:10).

**Communion Hymn                      "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"   #356 vs. 1 & 4**

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\*The *center two rings* are *grape juice*. The *outer ring* is *wine*.  
We will eat the bread together, then the drinking of the cup.

\***Departing Hymn**                      *“Revive Us Again”*                      **#463**

### \***Benediction**

May the steadfast love of God surround you throughout these forty days and into everlasting life. **Amen**

### **Threefold Amen**

### **Postlude**

**In our Thoughts and Prayers** -Virginia Ahlvers, Mary Ann Potthoff, Barbara Eckhardt, Sheila Zagari, Judy Cope, Rita Watterson, Della Lang, Curtis Israel, and Ruth Hart.

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|   | <b>LEADERS TODAY</b> | <b>9:30 am</b>          |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                            | <b>Dale Rose</b>     | <b>Fred Dishner</b>     |
| Reader: Don Self                          |                      | Greeter: Fred Dishner   |
| Nursery: Esther                           |                      | Children's Church: Lexi |
| Attendance for February 26, 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 question or suggestion for Council, please leave a note in the suggestion box located in the narthex*

**THIS WEEK: March 5– March 11**

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| Today       | 9:30AM  | Worship with Communion<br>Children's Church |
| Wednesday   | 7:00 PM | Lenten Prayer Service                       |
| Next Sunday | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hour                             |
|             | 9:30AM  | Worship & Children Church                   |

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** –In Honor of Johnny Lewellen's kindness from Syble Self

**BULLETINS** –Sponsored by Harry and Clare Grupe

**WELCOME TO** Rev. Dale Parson, Associate Conference Minister, to our worship. Thank you for participating in the commissioning of the Search Committee.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our Search Committee: Rev. John Allen, Joan Cavagna, John Cole, Cheryl Patton, Diana Ross, Grace Self.

**EVENING PRAYER SERVICE DURING LENT**

Each Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., an Evening Prayer Service will be held in our sanctuary throughout the Season of Lent. This quiet service of worship and prayer will explore a different way of praying each week. If you'd like a way to center yourself throughout Lent and learn new ways of experiencing God, come join us! Our time together will be led by Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt.

**EASTER** will be here soon. We will be taking orders for the Easter lilies starting March 12th. Order forms will be put in the bulletins. Deadline to order is April 2nd. Cost will again be \$10.00 per Lily and may be taken home after the Easter Sunday services.

**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**- cards are 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**-6) Tim Washington, 10) Jessica Huck

**BLESSED ANNIVERSARIES** 7) Don & Bette Ford