

*St. Martin United Church of Christ*  
*Sunday, March 19, 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 (Based on Psalm 95:6; John 4:23)**

ONE: O come, let us worship and bow down;

MANY: **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

ONE: The hour is coming and is now here.

MANY: **In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration** “The Church’s One Foundation” # 544 vs 1,2,5

**Call to Confession (Based on Romans 5:5)**

*(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)*

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God’s overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

**Unison Prayer of Confession (Based on John 4:5-25)**

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance (Based on Romans 5:8-10)**

This is the good news of God’s grace: though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!



## Threefold Amen

## Postlude

**In our Thoughts and Prayers** - Virginia Ahlvers-shut-in, Mary Ann Potthoff-health issues, Sheila Zagarri-healing and spiritual awareness, Judy Cope- Cancer, Della Lang-cancer on hospice, Curtis Israel-cancer, Ruth Hart-broken leg and dementia, Virginia Smith-recovery from surgery, Debbie Schmieder-traveling abroad, and Hazel Rose-health issues.

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|                               | <b>LEADERS TODAY</b> | <b>9:30 am</b>             |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                | <b>Jim Bauer</b>     | <b>Clardean Schmieder</b>  |
| Reader: Grace Self            |                      | Greeter: Sandy Neraliach   |
| Nursery: Sandy Neralich       |                      | Children's Church: Shannon |
| Attendance for March 12, 2017 | 9:30 AM.             | 58                         |

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

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

If you have a suggestion or a question for Council, please leave a note in the suggestion box located in the narthex.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**—No water? No seeds? No medical help? Tornado just struck! Where does the money for help come from--ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Your offering each year helps people all over the world as well as the United States, supply money/assistance to those facing circumstances beyond their control. Your gift provides well pumps for clean water for cooking, drinking and gardening; it provides medical kits, school supplies, and temporary shelters for refugees and disaster victims. Whether in Timor, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Chile, Ohio, or Arizona ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is there to help. *An envelope will be provided next Sunday.*

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matt. 25:35.

**THIS WEEK: March 19 – March 25**

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| Today       | 9:30AM  | Worship & Children's Church |
| Wednesday   | 7:00PM  | Prayer Service              |
| Next Sunday | 8:20 AM | Fellowship Hour             |
|             | 9:30AM  | Worship & Children's Church |

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS-** Not sponsored

**BULLETINS** – Not Sponsored

**EVENING PRAYER SERVICE** will continue Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Service will be held in our sanctuary. 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!

**EASTER** will be here soon. An order form for Easter lilies is in the narthex. Deadline to order is April 2nd. Cost will again be \$10.00 per Lily and may be taken home after the Easter Sunday services.

**ALSO DURING LENT** the Youth Group and SSK are collecting items for Easter baskets to be donated to Feed My People. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

**A WISH LIST** for Preschool needs/wants is posted on bulletin board. All contributions will be appreciated. Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

**ON THE BULLETIN** board is a sign-up for "The Church Basement Ladies"- a play at Westport Playhouse on a Sunday afternoon in July. Please sign up if you are interested.

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT** Pastor Terry—cell phone number is 314-304-6818. Email is [thechickentrain@gmail.com](mailto:thechickentrain@gmail.com)

**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-**20) Theresa Jeffries, 22) *Glinda Vaughn*, 23) *Lynn Hinrichs*, 25) *Wanda Schulte*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES-** 24) Allen and Diana Ross