

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 2, 2017
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Interim Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

***Call to Worship (Ezek 37:3; Psalm 130:7)**

ONE: O mortal, can these bones live?

MANY: **Only the Lord God knows.**

ONE: O people, hope in the Lord.

ANY: **With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

***Hymn of Adoration “Because He Lives”**

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Call to Confession (Romans 8:6, 10)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession (Psalms 130: 3-5, 8; John 4: 5-42)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness (Ezek. 37:4; Romans 8:10-11)

ONE: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

I am thankful for...

Greetings and Extravagant Welcome

Children's Time "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life #668

Prayer of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (Debtors)

Worshiping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings

*** Offering Response "Doxology"**

***Offertory Prayer**

Anthem

St. Martin Choir

The Written Word:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Spoken Word: "Mortal, Can These Bones Live"

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Silent Reflection

O God, I know that you are the Lord, for you gave me my life, and caused me to rise this day. Put your Spirit within me, and let my words and actions help others to know that you are my Lord and my God. Amen.

Communion Hymn "Break Now the Bread of Life" #665

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 "And Can It Be" #366**

***Benediction (John 11:25)**

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come. **Amen**

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, Curtis Israel-cancer, Ruth Hart-dementia, Virginia Smith-surgery, Debbie Schmieder-traveling abroad.

	LEADERS TODAY	9:30 am
Ushers:	Dale Rose	Fred Dishner
Reader: Cheryl Patton		Greeter: Fred Dishner
Nursery: Diana Ross		Children's Church: Lexi
Attendance for March 26, 2017	9:30 AM.	54

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.)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 13 Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m.
- April 14 Good Friday worship at 7:00 p.m.
- April 15 Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m.
- April 16 Sunrise Worship at 6:15 a.m., Breakfast at 7:00, worship at 9:30

BOOK STUDY begins Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. The book is Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith by Richard Foster

THIS WEEK: April 2– April 8

Today	9:30AM	Worship with Communion Children's Church
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lenten Prayer Service
Thursday	7:00 PM	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	9:00 AM	Highway Clean-up
Next Sunday	8:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children Church

SANCTUARY FLOWER- Happy Birthday Bunny, from Harry and Clare Grupe.

BULLETINS –Happy Birthday Bunny, from Harry and Clare Grupe.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE continues Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TODAY is the last day to order your Easter lily. Forms are in the narthex. Cost is \$10.00 per lily.

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

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) Jimmie Mills

BLESSED ANNIVERSARIES None