

*St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 9, 2017
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director*

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

ONE: With palm branches and joy, we shout:

MANY: **“Hosanna to Christ our Lord!”**

ONE: With blessings and songs we come:

MANY: **to worship and to praise.**

ONE: With humility and love,

MANY: **Christ comes to meet us now.**

***Hymn of Procession** **“Hosanna”** #266
(Our children enter to distribute the palms)

Call to Confession

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus’ passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Your God has come to you, humble in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus’ obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord.

I am thankful for ...

Greetings and Extravagant Welcome

Children's Time **“Jesus Loves Me”**

Prayer Hymn **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** #267

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 **“Prepare the Way”** **St. Martin Choir**

The Written Word: **Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell them that the Lord needs them and he will send them right away.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” “Hosanna in the highest!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Spoken Word **“They Spread Their Cloaks on the Road”**

Silent Reflection

As this week unfolds, spend some time each day pondering the mind of Christ. What is the shape of his compassion? Describe the image of such great love. Finally, what does it feel like, physically to be so utterly cared for?

***Departing Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads” (2 times)**

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Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

In our Thoughts and Prayers Virginia Ahlvers-shut-in, Mary Ann Potthoff-health issues, Sheila Zagarri-health and spiritual awareness, Judy Cope-cancer, Curtis Israel-cancer, Ruth Hart-dementia, Virginia Smith-surgery, Debbie Schmieder-traveling abroad, Dee St. Clair-healing

LEADERS TODAY 9:30 am	
Ushers:	Marie Gates
Reader: Gerri Malone	Greeter: Dee St. Clair
Nursery: Sandy Neralich	Children’s Church: Lexi
Attendance for April 2, 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.)

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

- 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

HIS WEEK: April 9– April 15

Today	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church
Monday	7:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday worship
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday worship
Saturday	1:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
Next Sunday	6:15 AM	Sunrise Worship
	7:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church

SANCTUARY FLOWERS In Honor of Johnny Lewellen's birthday from Alberta.

BULLETINS –Not Sponsored

APRIL SHOWERS-Please bring personal care items for Feed My People during the month of April and place them on the table by the elevator.

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.

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 CARDS- are now available 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-9) *Kevin Ogden*, 10) *Olivia Osterhage*, 11) *Don Long*, 15) *Troy St. Clair*

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