

*St. Martin United Church of Christ*  
*Sunday, April 16, 2017 9:30 A.M.*  
*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**

ONE: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

MANY: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

ONE: Sin and death shall reign no more.

MANY: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

ONE: Let this place resound with joy.

MANY: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Adoration “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #288**

**Call to Confession (Psalm 118:19)**

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God’s love, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (Col. 3:1 and John 20:11)**

ONE: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection.

MANY: **Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger.**

ONE: Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.

MANY: **Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.**

ONE: Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

MANY: **Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love.**

ONE: Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive power of oppression.

**MANY: Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness (Psalm 118:18)**

Listen, beloved: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**Greetings and Extravagant Welcome**

**Decoration of the Cross**

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

**Hymn Medley "Worthy is the Lamb" Cong. & Choir (See Insert)**

**Prayers and Praises of the People**

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer ("Debtors" Version)**

**Worship the Lord with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Response "Doxology"**

**Offertory Prayer**

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen**

**The Written Word**

**John 20:1-18**

**The Spoken Word**

**"Only In a Garden"**

**Silent Reflection**

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

**Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together**

**#699**

## Communion Prayer (See Pink Insert)

### 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 "Crown Him With Many Crowns #317 (Verse 1,2,4)

#### Blessing

ONE: Receive the good news:

MANY: **Christ is risen from the dead.**

ONE: Tell the good news:

MANY: **the power of death shall no more oppress us.**

ONE: Live the good news:

MANY: **we are free to love as he has loved us.**

ONE: Christ is risen.

MANY: **Christ is risen, indeed.**

ONE: Alleluia!

MANY: **Amen.**

#### Threefold Amen

#### Postlude

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

#### LEADERS TODAY 9:30 am

Ushers: Jim Bauer Clardean Schmieder

Reader: Donna Goede Greeter: Sandy Neralich

Nursery: Sandy Neralich Children's Church: Shannon

Attendance for April 9, 2017 9:30 AM. 73

**THIS WEEK: April 16– April 22**

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| Today       | 9:30AM  | Worship with Communion<br>Children's Church |
| Monday      | 9:00 PM | Churchline Articles Due                     |
| Next Sunday | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hour                             |
|             | 9:30AM  | Worship & Children Church                   |

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** –Lilies (See pink insert)

**BULLETINS** –Not sponsored.

**APRIL SHOWERS**-Please bring personal care items for Feed My People during the month of April and place they 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.

**MARK YOU CALENDAR--SEARCH COMMITTEE** needs your input on May 7 immediately following worship. Details to follow.

**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 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**-16) Allison Dishner, 17) Bill Friebe, Jr., 19) Marla Cooley and Johnny Lewellen, 21) Gary Malone

**BLESSED ANNIVERSARIES** 19) Don & Evelyn Long

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