

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 30, 2017
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffit, Interim Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**All that are able please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

Introit

***Call to Worship**

I Peter 1:17-23

ONE: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the
futility of sin.

MANY: Alleluia!

ONE: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

MANY: Alleluia!

ONE: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word
of God.

MANY: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn of Adoration “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #71**

Call to Confession

I Peter 1:17

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in
God’s love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one
another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Acts 2:40

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises
itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure
imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in
the web of the world’s sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us
from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see
the joy of Jesus’ resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting
life. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Acts 2:39

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and
to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.

I am thankful for

Greetings and Extravagant Welcome

Children's Time "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #473

Prayer of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer ("Debtors" version)

Worshiping 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. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen**

Choral Selection

St. Martin Choir

The Written Word:

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not

necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Spoken Word

“Journeying to Emmaus”

Silent Reflection

Lord Jesus, your rising from the tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal, the dawning of this day holds the possibilities of life anew. Open my eyes to the sign of your resurrection and confirm in my heart the power of your amazing love. Amen.

***Departing Hymn “I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

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Blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude

In Our Thoughts and Prayers Homebound: Virginia Ahlvers and Hazel Rose; Health Issues: Mary Ann Potthoff, Sheila Zagarri, Judy Cope, Ruth Hart, Virginia Smith, Dee St. Clair, Sara Back, Dottie Varner; Traveling: Debbie Schmieder

LEADERS TODAY		9:30 am
Ushers:	Don Self	
Reader: Shirley Miller	Greeter: Bette Ford	
Nursery: Diana Ross	Children’s Church: Jane Small	
Worship Attendance for 4/28/17	48	

HIS WEEK: April 30– May 6

Today	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church
Wednesday	7:00PM	Book Study
Thursday	7:00PM	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	9:00 AM	Men's Fellowship
Next Sunday	8:20 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church
	11:15AM	Lunch & Hopeful Conversations

SANCTUARY FLOWERS –In honor of the coming new addition from the Phyes and Walters.

BULLETINS – Not sponsored

PLEASE RESPOND to the salmon insert if you did not last week.

TODAY is the last Sunday to bring personal care items for April Showers.

BOOK STUDY continues Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. The book is “Streams of Living Water” by Richard Foster. Read Chapter 4.

THURSDAY NIGHT is Women's Fellowship. Please come and bring a friend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR--SEARCH COMMITTEE needs your input on May 7. Immediately following worship lunch will be served. (See insert.) Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you can attend.

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 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- Pamela Bak (4/30), Abigail Dishner (5/2), Sandy Neralich (5/6)

ANNIVERSARIES- Craig & Glinda Vaughn (5/6)

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