

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 7, 2017
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Interim Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**If able, please stand at asterisk*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Acts 2:42-47

ONE: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

MANY: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

ONE: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

MANY: Let us give what we can to all who have need so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

ONE: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

MANY: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

***Hymn of Adoration “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #68**

Call to Confession

Psalm 23:1

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

Unison Prayer of Confession

I Peter 2:19-25

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ’s example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

I Peter 2:19-25

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Know that you have been brought back into the safety of God’s fold. **Amen.**

Expressions of Gratitude

Silent Reflection

What pastures does St. Martin provide, places where people can experience God's gracious love?

Communion Instrumental

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (See Insert)

*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 Take My Life and Let It Be" #466**

*Blessing

John 10:9

May the God who calls us by name lead you out to green pastures and lead you in to the safety of Christ's fold.

Benediction

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, Herb and Marie Ahlvers.

LEADERS TODAY 9:30 am	
Ushers:	Dale Rose Fred Dishner
Reader: Diana Ross	Greeter: Don Self
Nursery: Sandy Neralich	Children's Church: Lexi
Worship Attendance for April 30 58	

THIS WEEK: May 7– May 13

Today	9:30AM	Worship with Communion Children's Church
	11:15AM	Lunch & Hopeful Conversations
Monday	7:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday	7:00PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00PM	Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children Church

SANCTUARY FLOWER- In Honor of Craig and Glinda Vaughn's 5th anniversary.

BULLETINS –In Honor of Esther McNamee's birthday from Ralph.

TODAY- Immediately following worship, lunch will be served followed by Hopeful Conversations. The Search Committee needs your input. The insert contains questions we will be discussing.

BOOK STUDY continues Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. Chapter 4.

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.

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-Don Ford (5/8), Esther McNamee (5/13)

BLESSED ANNIVERSARIES None

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