

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 21, 2017 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Interim Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**If able, please stand.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Ps 66:8-9, Acts 17:24

ONE: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

MANY: **Let the sound of praise ring out.**

ONE: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

MANY: **the Lord who has made everything!**

Hymn of Adoration

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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Call to Confession

Ps 66:20; Acts 17:30

Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

I Peter 3:16,21; John 14:15,21

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

I Peter 3:21-22; John 14:16, 18

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

Expressions of Gratitude

Greetings and Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Children’s Time “Jesus Loves Me”

Prayer Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer ("Debtors" Version)

Mission Moment

Worship the Lord with Tithes and Offerings

Offering Response "Doxology"

Offertory Prayer

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. **We offer these gifts to share your love. Amen**

Anthem "There is a Redeemer"

St. Martin Choir

The Written Word

John 14:15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Spoken Word

"I Will Not Leave You Orphaned"

Prayerful Reflection

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Blessing

ONE: May God, who creates, redeems and sustains, keep us steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope, and abounding in love.

MANY: **And the blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

In our Thoughts and Prayers –Homebound: Virginia Ahlvers, Hazel Rose; Health issues: Mary Ann Potthoff, Sheila Zagari, Judy Cope, Ruth Hart, Virginia Smith, Dee St. Clair, Sara Back, Dottie Varner, Clare Grupe

LEADERS TODAY		9:30 am
Ushers:	Jim Bauer	Clardean Schmieder
Reader:	Cheryl Patton	Greeter: Sandy Neralich
Nursery:	Bette Ford	Children’s Church: Shannon Bell
Worship Attendance for May 14 70		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 28 – Lunch honoring veterans following worship
- June 4 Strengthen the Church Offering
- June 1 - VBS Planning Party – Jane Small’s home at 6:30 p.m.
- June 18 – Graduate Recognition
- July 17-20 – Vacation Bible School

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

THIS WEEK: May 21– May 27

Today	9:30AM	Worship Children's Church
Wednesday	7:00PM	Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children Church

SANCTUARY FLOWERS –In Memory of her husband, Norman, from Clardean Schmieder.

BULLETINS –In Honor of family birthdays in May: Bruce, Keith Daniel, and Billie from Billie York.

BOOK STUDY begins Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. The book is Streams of Living Water.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH offering will be collected June 4. An envelope will be included in the bulletin.

PLEASE SUBMIT names of graduates to the office by June 11. We will be recognizing them on June 18.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH in High Ridge is looking for a part-time church secretary, about 18 hours per week (flexible hours.) Some duties include proficient in Microsoft office programs, typing and printing weekly bulletin, etc. Starting pay \$10 per hour. Contact Ed Bachmann 636-288-7502.

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-Dorothy Scheer (5/21), Larry Lewellen (5/22)

BLESSED ANNIVERSARIES Gary & Gerri Malone (5/25), Michael & Teri Finan-Chollet (5/26)