

St. Martin United Church of Christ
Sunday, June 18, 2017 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Interim Pastor
Dean Emmert, Music Director

**If able, please stand.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

ONE: We call to the Lord,

MANY: **and God hears our prayers.**

ONE: We lift up our praise,

MANY: **and God hears our songs.**

ONE: We wait for the Lord,

MANY: **God answers our hope.**

Hymn of Adoration “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Vv 1, 2, 4 #142

Call to Confession

We worship the One who calls us to live and love large, while confessing how we fall short. Let us do so together.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, be with us in our weakness. When we laugh out of fear, calm us with your courage. When we laugh out of doubt, empower us with your faith. When we laugh out of confusion, guide us with your wisdom. Transform our nervous laughter into songs of praise and shouts of joy and trust. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

In God’s faithfulness, we are made righteous. In Christ’s love, we find peace and hope. In the Spirit’s strength, our laughter of derision is transformed into laughter of joy. **Thanks be to God!**

Expressions of Gratitude

Greetings and Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Time "Jesus Loves Me"

Recognition of Our Fathers

Prayer Hymn "When We All Get To Heaven" Vv 1, 2, 3 #525

Prayers 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

The Written Word

Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The Spoken Word

“So Sarah Laughed to Herself”

Prayerful Reflection

Is there anything too wonderful for God? Our willingness to open our doors and the doors of our hearts invites a relationship that will surprise us.

Departing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

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Blessing

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, Dee St. Clair

LEADERS TODAY		9:30 am
Ushers:	Jim Bauer	Clardean Schmieder
Reader: Gerri Malone		Greeter: Sandy Neralich
Nursery: Bette Ford		Children’s Church: Shannon Bell
Worship Attendance for June 11: 71		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 17-20 – Vacation Bible School

Connect with St. Martin’s Website: StMartin-ucc-hr.
The *Churchline* and bulletins are available for viewing here.

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

THIS WEEK: June 18 – June 24

Today	9:30AM	Worship & Children's Church
Tuesday	7:00PM	Search Committee
Next Sunday	8:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	9:30AM	Worship & Children Church
	11:00 AM	Lunch & Hopeful Conversations II

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: In Honor of our fathers from Don & Evelyn Long.

TODAY'S BULLETINS: Happy Father's Day!

ADOPT-A-YOUTH--To help fund Canoe Camp in July at Shannondale, start thinking of jobs you would pay a youth to do. Contact Liz Downer (314-368-0376) for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Hopeful Conversations II will be June 25 immediately following church. Lunch will be provided. Sign up on the list on the bulletin board if you plan to attend (see bulletin insert).

CHRISTMAS IN JULY is coming soon. We will be collecting food and other items for Feed My People during the month of July.

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.

PASTOR TERRY will be in the office on Thursday and Friday this week due to visiting family.

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT Pastor Terry: 314-304-6818; e mail: thechickentrain@gmail.com

NURSERY - Nursery is now available for children to attend 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.

BLESSED ANNIVERSARIES Bill & Lisa Friebel (5/22)