

# RIVERWAY AND TRADITIONAL SERVICE

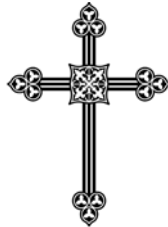
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## OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



**ST. MARTIN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,  
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 85 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

## ***Prayer Before Worship***

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **NOTICES**

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
  - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.*
  - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
  - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



*\* indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... Riverway Band

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

### \*HYMN 525..... “The Church’s One Foundation”

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*GLORIA (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -  
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for  
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;  
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and  
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE LESSON ..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN ..... “From the Inside Out”

A thou - sand times I've failed still your mer - cy re - mains Should I  
stum - ble a - gain still I'm caught in your grace. Ev - er last - ing Your light will shine when  
all else fades Nev - er end - ing Your glo - ry goes by - yond all fame.  
My heart and my soul I give you con - trol Con - sume me from the  
in - side out Lord. Let jus - tice and praise be - come my em - brace  
to love you from the in - side out.

Words and Music by Joel Houston; 2005 Hillsong Music Publishing.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL ..... Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*The remaining readings for the day are on pages 23-24.*

\*HYMN ..... “From the Inside Out”

Your will a - bove all else my pur - pose re - mains. The art of los - ing my-self in bring -  
ing you praise. Ev - er last - ing. Your light will shine when all else fades. Nev - er end -  
ing. Your glo - ry goes be - yond all fame. My heart and my soul, I give you con - trol  
Con - sume me from the in - side out Lord. Let jus - tice and praise be - come my em - brace  
to love you from the in - side out. Ev - er last - ing! Your light will shine when all else fades. Nev - er end -  
ing! Your glo - ry goes be - yond all fame. And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise from the  
in - side out O my soul cries out From the in - side out O my soul cries out.

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*Please be seated.*

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## THE SERMON

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**\*THE NICENE CREED** (*stand*)

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially \_\_\_\_; for those who are hospitalized, especially \_\_\_\_; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_; give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, \_\_\_\_; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## WELCOMING OF A NEW RECTOR

*The Senior Warden, or other member of the Vestry, stands in front of the congregation and says*  
Dane, we welcome you as the Rector of this Parish.

*The Senior Warden, or other member of the Vestry, presents a Bible and a Book of Common Prayer, saying*

Dane, accept this Bible and Prayer Book, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word and one who leads us in prayer.

*The Junior Warden, along with other members of the Vestry as desired, presents the keys to the new Rector.*

Dane, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

*The new Rector then says*

I receive the keys of this Church and I promise, with God's help, to be a faithful pastor, priest and teacher among you.

*The Senior Warden, or other member of the Vestry, then presents the new Rector to the congregation, saying*

Greet your new Rector.

*Applause is appropriate.*

## THE PEACE *(stand)*

**Rector:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 25 for upcoming events.*

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# THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Thanks be to God”

Felix Mendelssohn

Thanks be to God for all His mercies! Thanks be to God, for he is gracious; and His mercy endureth for evermore! Thanks be to God, He laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather, they rush along; they are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high; their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and Almighty!

Text: Original German by Julius Schubring; English version by William Bartholomew Music: Thanks Be to God (No. 20 from “Elijah”)

## AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

DOXOLOGY ..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Psaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*(said at 8 a.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.)*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord  
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

*The Celebrant continues (kneel)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM ..... *Celtic Alleluia*



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## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Then may be said together*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Invitation.*

*All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

ANTHEM ..... “Who Will Keep God’s Lambs”  
arr. Greg Gilpin

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God’s lambs? I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today. Lead them to green pastures and find them when they stray. I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand. I will protect the fold of God. I will keep God’s lambs. Jesus said to feed his sheep while he is away. Will you take your rod and staff, guard his sheep today? Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God’s lambs? Who will keep God’s lambs? I will keep God’s lambs.

Text: John Parker. Music: Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904) from Largo, Symphony No. 9, arr. Greg Gilpin. © 2011 Choristers Guild. ARR.

ANTHEM ..... “O for a Closer Walk with God”  
Charles Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).



# ANTHEM ..... “I Can Breathe Here”

Wayne Watson

My Savior built this church with the nails from His bleeding hands. This is where I call home. It's where I come to lay my burdens down, all my failures – all my faults, even any good things. It's where I come to shake the dust of the world off my feet and sing... *I can breathe here. I can believe here. I can give what I have and receive. And all who would be free, you're welcome to come here with me and breathe.* We gather faithfully to build up the fires of our faith. In Him we live and breathe. For Him we watch and wait. For the day when He breaks through the clouds. And till then we will sing His praises and we will live in grace. *I can breathe here. I can believe here. I can give what I have and receive. And all who would be free, you're welcome to come here with me and breathe.* I am loved, so I've got nothing to hide. He has taken the weight of the world and given me life. *I can breathe here. I can believe here. I can give what I have and receive. And all who would be free, you're welcome to come here with me and breathe.*

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# HYMN ..... “Agnus Dei”

A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia For the Lord God Al - migh - ty  
 reigns. A - le - lu - ia  
 A - le - lu - ia for the Lord God Al - migh - ty reigns  
 A - le - lu - ia Ho - ly Ho - ly  
 ly Are You Lord God Al - migh - ty Wor - thy is the Lamb Wor - thy is the  
 Lamb You are Ho - ly Ho - ly Are You Lord God Al - migh - ty  
 ty Wor - thy is the Lamb Wor - thy is the Lamb A - men.

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith; 1990 Sony/ATV Milene Music.

## HYMN ..... “I Surrender All”

All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der all to Him I free - ly give  
 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der make me Sav - ior whol - ly thine  
 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der Lord, I give my - self to thee  
 I will ev - er love and trust Him in His pre - sence dai - ly live  
 Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it Tru - ly know that thou art mine  
 Fill me with thy love and pow - er Let thy bless - ing fall on me.  
 I surr - en - der all I surr - en - der all  
 All to Thee my Bless - ed Sav - ior I surr - en - der all


Words and Music by Judson Van DeVenter; 1896 Public Domain.

## HYMN ..... “Goodness of God”

I love you Lord O your mer - cy ne - ver fails me. all my  
 I love your voice you have led me through the fire (in the) dark - est  
 days I've been held in your hand From the mo - ment that I wake up un - till I lay my  
 night You were close like no other I have known you as a Fath - er I've known you as a  
 head I will sing of the good - ness of God All my life you have been faith -  
 friend I have lived in the good - ness of God.  
 ful All my life you have been so, so good With ever - y breath that I am a -  
 ble I will sing of the good - ness of God.

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Jen Johnson, Brian Johnson; 2018 Bethel Music Publishing ASCAP / Fellow Ships Music SESAC / So Essential Tunes SESAC / Alletrop Music BMI / SHOUT! Music APRA.

## HYMN.....“Be Thou My Vision”



Be thou my vis ion O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me  
Rich-es I heed not nor man's emp-ty praise Thou my in-her-a-tance  
High King of hea-ven my vic-tor-y won. May I reach hea-ven's joys

save that thou art Thou my best thought by day or by night  
now and al-ways Thou and thou on-ly first in my heart  
bright hea-ven's Sun Heart of my own heart what-ev-er be-fall

wak-ing or sleep-ing thy pre-sence my light  
High King of hea-ven my trea-sure Thou art.  
Sill-be my vis-ion O Ru-ler of all.

Words and Music by Dallan Forgaill; Translations by Mary Byrne 1905 and Eleanor Hull 1912; Public Domain.

## HYMN.....“We Will Feast”



We will feast in the house of Zi-on We will sing with our hearts re-stored He has done great things we will  
say to-geth-er we will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the  
In the dark of night be-fore the  
Ever-y vow we've bro-and be-

fire dawn He is the Lord our God We are not con-sumed by the flame  
My soul be not a-fraid For the prom-ised morn-ing O how long  
trayed You are the faith-ful One. And from the gar-den to the grave

Up-held pro-tect-ted gath-ered up.  
O God of Jac-cob be my strength  
Bind us to-geth-er bring Sha-lom.

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore; 2015 Integrity Worship Music (ASCAP), Paper News Publishing (ASCAP) (admin. at Integrated Rights.com), JosheMoorOwns ThisMusic (admin. by Music Services).

## INSTRUMENTAL.....“Gabriel’s Oboe”

*After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

# HYMN 518.....“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day, with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY ..... Riverway Band

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## RECOGNITIONS

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### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for Dane, Debby, Ella, Fritz, Ruthie and Myles Boston



### BIRTHS

June 17 Annabelle Elliott Franz

Daughter of Elizabeth and Harry Franz



### SYMPATHY

Aug. 22 Mollie Ward Hill

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [smec.org/altar-flowers](http://smec.org/altar-flowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Crocket Abraham	Diane Knutzen	Betty Tutor
Carolyn Alban	Reid Kuhn	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Joe B. Allen	Rhea Latta	Van Valentine
Edith Avery	Bruce Michael Lee	Caden Walker
Shelly Bain	Mary Lehman	Margaret Watson
William Barrett	Nancy Liles	Mary Watters
Ken Beadell	Patrick Maehs	Bob Wright
Cory Blackman	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Eric Zoerb
Jimmy Broussard	Janet McDaniel	Angela
Gary Browning	Adams McHenry	Atticus
Gene Cooley	Frank Melchor	Ben
The Rev. Jim Cunningham	Chuck Miller	Daniel
Gail Davis	William "Bill" T. Moyer	David
Bobby de Sosa	Kae Nakisa	Ellen
Linda de Sosa	Nadim Nasir	Henry
Charlotte Dion	Nancy Older	J.R.
Ross Dunn	Bob Paddock	Jane
Stacey and John Elliott	Antone Peterson	Jason and Blanca
Jackie Eubank	Ophelia Pujol	Jim
Judy Gerrish	Mary Sommers Pyne	Judy
Catherine Gonzales	Phyllis Reinhardt	Laura
Nancy Gore	John Roady	Linda
Cynthia Graham	Magdalene Robbins	Luke
The Rev. Alex Graham	Maggie Rodriguez	Lynne
Bette Haidusek	Angela Salinas	Margaret
Nancy Hall	Steve Salsman	Mark
Amelia Harrington	Lynne Sanyoto	Natalie
Nancy Haywood	Bill Schwaiger	Sally
Aaron Holbrook	Nancy Seal	Sarah Jean
Leodamae Hopkins	Caroline Searls	Shane
Laurie Howard	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Stephen
Louise Huck	Caroline Shanahan	Steve
Wendy Hunt	Clif Shoemake	Susan
Sara Jabbari	Marc Sony	
Mary and Jim Jennings	Michael Stern	
Sarah Johnson	Jan and Jim Stokes	
Katie Jones	Isabelle Sundara	
Susan Jones	Norma Taylor	
Chester and Susan Keeton	The Rev. James Thomas	
Dick Kilday	Jerry Lee Tobar	

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Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Col. Julian Benton	Charles Lewis	CPO Evan Tomlin
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Capt. Jack Mullen	
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Capt. Alex Mullen	
Capt. Casey Gainer	PFC. Parris F. Owen	
LCDR Bradley Hoffman	SrA James W. Peoples	
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	Lt. Paul Piana	
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant	
Major Blake J. Kidd	CPO Brian Powell	
Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper	

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Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.



11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

## WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services  
7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel



## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM ..... Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE EPISTLE ..... Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother -- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ ADULTS

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Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • *Chapel Reception Hall*

### GET TO KNOW THE RECTOR

Join us for a time of welcome with Dane and Debby Boston.

10:15 a.m. • *The Church*

### CHURCH TOUR

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church.

Following 11:15 a.m. service • *The Narthex*

## ✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the Scriptures shared in worship.

10:15 a.m. • *Student Life Center*

## ✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### KIDS JAM (JESUS AND ME)

Children through 5th grade will combine Sunday School classes.

10:15 a.m. • *Bagby Parish Hall*

### CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-week-old infants through children age 3.

8 a.m. • *Children's Life Center*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



To view all our Christian education options,  
scan the QR code or visit **[smec.org/learn](https://smec.org/learn)**.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2025

## ALL ADULTS

**OSL Study Group** *Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*  
Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing.

**St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Wednesday, 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*  
Join a community of young adults who eat, pray and read Scripture together.

**Parish Choir** *Thursday, 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall*  
Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

## MEN

**Dads' Bible Study** *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*  
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

## WOMEN

**The Moms' Group** *Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*  
Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for fellowship and a book study of "Daniel" by Beth Moore.

## STUDENTS

**Youth Choir** *Sunday, 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*  
Students in grades 6-12 spend time in fellowship and heart Christ's Word through the music they study and sing.

## EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **[smec.org/events](https://smec.org/events)**.*



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**SUNDAY SEPT. 7**

## *A Joyful New Chapter at St. Martin's*

*Join us for one of the great days in  
our Parish history as we welcome our  
5th Rector, the Rev. Dane Boston,  
and his family to St. Martin's!*

### **Morning Schedule ★ A Day of Worship and Celebration**

#### **8 a.m. — Traditional Spoken Service**

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

#### **9 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Family Table Worship**

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

#### **10:15 a.m. — Get to know the Rector**

The Church | A time of welcome with Dane and Debby Boston  
Children's Sunday School available in Bagby Parish Hall.

#### **11:15 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Riverway Worship**

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston  
Childcare for six week-old infants through age 3 available in Children's Life Center for all services.

### **Evening Celebration ★ Welcome to Texas!**

#### **4:30–6:30 p.m. — Student Life Center and Soccer Field**

Parish Dinner Honoring the Boston Family featuring BBQ, music and kids' activities. Country casual attire recommended!

Childcare for six-week-old infants through children age 3 available in Children's Life Center.  
The 6 p.m. service will not be offered.



Register **by Sept. 3** at  
[smec.org/boston-welcome](https://smec.org/boston-welcome)



**Contact:** Brittney Pena • 713-985-3821 • [bpna@smec.org](mailto:bpna@smec.org)



## *Walking the Mourner's Path* Small Group Workshops

Walking the Mourner's Path is a ministry of prayer and presence based on eight-week workshops where participants learn they are not alone in their grief. They have Christ's love and healing with them always.

The workshops meet for an hour and half on consecutive weeks with two trained facilitators and a member of the Clergy.

At St. Martin's we are planning for another series of workshops to begin on Wednesday, Oct. 1. This program is not for those recently bereaved but is for all people who are more than nine months from the death of a loved one. There is a limit of eight participants.

**Contact to Participate:** The Rev. Gill Keyworth • [gkeyworth@smec.org](mailto:gkeyworth@smec.org)

## MEMBERSHIP101



*Discover your Membership at St. Martin's*

### **PART 1 • MONDAY, SEPT. 8**

6–8:30 p.m.

*Bagby Parish Hall and Online*  
Dinner will be served



*Join us in our mission at*  
***[smec.org/membership](http://smec.org/membership)***

### **PART 2 • SUNDAY, SEPT. 14**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Hope and Healing Center*  
& Institute/Christ Chapel

**Kathy Johnson**, Director of Membership  
[membership@smec.org](mailto:membership@smec.org) • 713-985-3834



# CCSC Food Drive

## DROP OFF BAGS SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

Volunteers will unload your bags as you drive through. Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, dry beans, boxed dry cereal, peanut butter, dry pasta and/or pasta sauce and can openers.

**Tracee Tindol**

ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

**Pick Up Bags:**  
**Sunday, Sept. 7**  
**8 a.m.-noon**

**The Church Narthex**

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



**JOY of  
GIVING  
MARKET**

## SILENT AUCTION

Select silent auction items are available for bidding now, exclusively online, including two tickets to the Texas Longhorns vs. UTEP football game Sept. 13 in Austin, TX.

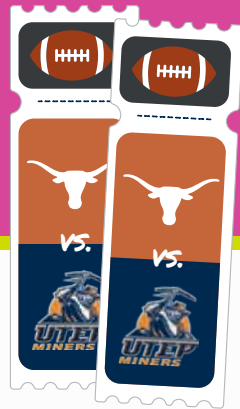
Plus, preview other items available now and in-person at the Joy of Giving Market, Oct. 14–16!



*Bid Now!*

*[smec.org/jog](https://smec.org/jog)*

*Bidding for these tickets will close  
Monday, Sept. 8 at 11:59 p.m.*



**UT vs. UTEP**  
**Tickets Available  
for Bidding Now!**

**Contact:** Tracee Tindol  
ttindol@smec.org  
713-985-3811



# RECTOR'S Bible Study

with the Rev. Dane Boston

**Tuesdays**  
Beginning Sept. 9  
Noon–1 p.m.  
Student Life Center



## Join us for the Rector's noon Bible Study Class.

A refreshing mid-day opportunity to dive into God's Word together! We encourage you to grab lunch at the Café and settle in by 11:45 a.m. as the class will begin promptly at noon.

*Rector's Bible Study will not meet on Oct. 21.*



**Contact:** Lesley Hough • [lhough@smec.org](mailto:lhough@smec.org) • 346-335-8654



# DAY GROUP

**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 10**  
**Children's Life Center, Room 132 and**  
**Via Zoom | [smec.org/faith-in-literature](https://smec.org/faith-in-literature)**



While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss "Theo of Golden"*  
*by Allen Levi.*

**Contact:** Haley Lynch • 713-830-4110 • [hlynch@smec.org](mailto:hlynch@smec.org)



# MEN of ST. MARTIN'S



## Social at Molina's *Westheimer Location*

| Sept. 11 • 5–7 p.m.

*Sponsored by the Men of St. Martin's*

Annual social for all men of the Parish and guests.

Weekly meetings begin Sept. 18 at 7 a.m. in Bagby Parish Hall. We will be studying the Book of Genesis.



Register at  
**[smec.org/mosm](https://smec.org/mosm)**

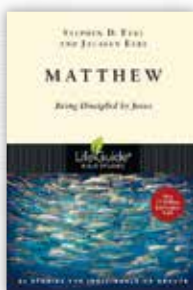
Cost: \$25 • Deadline: Sept. 9

**Contact:** Juli Browning  
[jbrowning@smec.org](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org) • 713-985-3845



## CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth



### MORNING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 11

9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom  
*Childcare is available for six-week-old infants through age 5.*

### EVENING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 16

6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom

CLS will study **“Matthew: Being Discipled by Jesus”** by Stephen D. Eyre and Jacalyn Eyre.



*All denominations are welcome; bring a friend! Register at [smec.org/cls](https://smec.org/cls)*

**Contact:** Liz Gallien • [lgallien@smec.org](mailto:lgallien@smec.org) • 713-830-4139

# GENESIS

## THE FIRST WORD

*Led by the Rev. Dane Boston*

**Sundays, Sept. 14–Nov. 2**

**10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall**

What better way to start a new season with our new Rector than starting together with the first page of Scripture? For eight weeks, the Rev. Dane Boston will lead us through the story of Genesis. It all begins with the God who spoke creation into being with His Word: join us as we begin by reading God's Word from the beginning!



**Haley Lynch, Clergy Assistant**

[hlynch@smec.org](mailto:hlynch@smec.org) • 713-830-4110



**JUST  
FOR  
September**

**GENESIS:  
THE FIRST WORD**  
STARTING SEPT. 14



*Join us at*  
***smec.org/just-for***

*Deadline: Sept. 14*

**Contact:** Haley Lynch  
[hlynch@smec.org](mailto:hlynch@smec.org) • 713-830-4110

St. Martin's small group ministry meets weekly at various times and locations — either at Church or in homes — for a four-week small group study of Genesis, digging deeper into the same passages as our new Rector's Genesis series on Sunday mornings.

For our Wednesday evening groups, we'll have nursery care, children's activities and youth group happening that evening as well, so you can bring the whole family! Family dinner is available 5-6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.

*There's a place for everyone — come grow with us!*

717 STUDENTS

# CONFIRMATION

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 14 • 10:15 a.m.

Student Life Center, 2nd Floor Mezzanine Lounge

This meeting is for parents of students in grades 8–12 who are interested in Confirmation at St. Martin's. We will share the requirements, schedule and forms that accompany this impactful step in your student's faith journey.

**Confirmation Cost:** \$300

**Registration Open:** Sept. 14–Oct. 31  
at [smec.org/students](https://smec.org/students)

Contact: Florence Ritchie • [students@smec.org](mailto:students@smec.org) • 713-985-3843

# BLOOD DRIVE

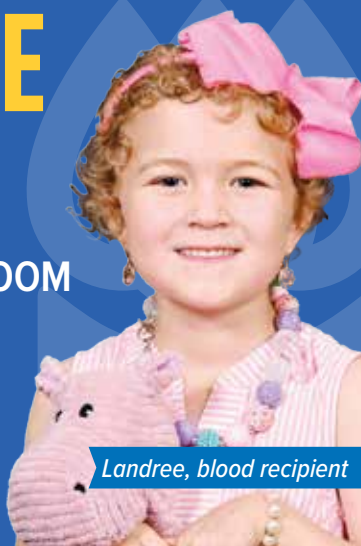
**MONDAY, SEPT. 15**

**9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.**

**ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM**



*Make your  
appointment at*  
[smec.org/blood-drive](https://smec.org/blood-drive)



*Landree, blood recipient*

**Contact:** Victoria Wilson  
[events@smec.org](mailto:events@smec.org) • 713-985-3838





Faith  
in  
LITERATURE

## EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 16 | 7-8:30 p.m.

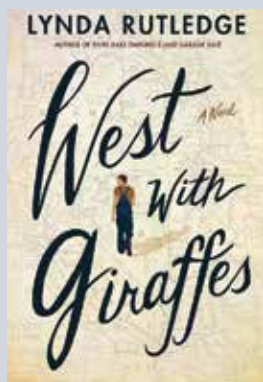
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and

Via Zoom | [smec.org/faith-in-literature](https://smec.org/faith-in-literature)

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*This month, we discuss "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.*

Contact: Haley Lynch • [hlynch@smec.org](mailto:hlynch@smec.org) • 713-830-4110



# Family Nights

WEDNESDAYS

Sept. 17–Oct. 8 • 5–7 p.m.

Dinner is available from 5–6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.

\$7/person | \$25/family



Register at  
[smec.org/family-nights](https://smec.org/family-nights)

Haley Lynch

[hlynch@smec.org](mailto:hlynch@smec.org) • 713-830-4110



*Bring the whole family to join your Church family for food, fun and Christian formation!*

**Just For September Small Groups**

Bible study on Genesis

6–7 p.m. • Multiple locations

**Life Groups for Grades 6–12**

5:30–7 p.m. • Student Life Center

**Kids J.A.M. for Grades K–5**

6–7 p.m. • Children's Life Center

**Childcare**

For six-week-old infants–age 3

6–7 p.m. • Children's Life Center

# Sourdough Bread-Making Workshop

**Sept. 20 • 10 a.m.–noon**

**Student Life Center**

\$40/person

Come and learn how to make your very own sourdough bread. In this workshop, you will learn tips and tools to improve your gut health, the benefits of sourdough, as well as how to make your own sourdough bread!



*For more information and to register, visit*  
***smec.org/sourdough***

**Rozlyn Cline • rmcline@smec.org • 713-985-3816**

Adult Confirmation Class

## Anglicanism

**Sundays, Sept. 21–Nov. 9**

**10:15–11 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall**

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden leads this eight-week class about the basics of our Christian faith as we have received it in the Episcopal Church and our Anglican tradition. Anglicanism 101 is designed for adults seeking Confirmation in our Church, but everyone who'd like a refresher is welcome to join!

***Confirmation service will be Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11:15 a.m.  
in The Church with Bishop Jeff Fisher.***

Please register for this class by contacting Haley Lynch at **hlynch@smec.org** or **713-830-4110**.



**ST. MARTIN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS



FALL LUNCHEON

## ANCHORED IN HOPE

FEATURING PAM THOMPSON

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

11 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL



For registration and to learn more  
about Pam Thompson, visit

**[smec.org/ecw-events](https://smec.org/ecw-events)**

*Registration now open!*



ST. MARTIN'S  
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Contact: Valerie Rivera  
713-985-3817 • [vrivera@smec.org](mailto:vrivera@smec.org)



## Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.  
STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

*Join in the dialogue!*

### *“Rerum Novarum” and “Libertas” by Pope Leo XIII*

This month, in honor of the new Pope Leo, we'll be reading two encyclicals from his famous predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, “Rerum Novarum” and “Libertas,” that represent a pivotal moment in the development of Catholic social teaching as it responded to the modern world.

*Access the free texts at [smec.org/deeproots](https://smec.org/deeproots).*

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden  
[jhylden@smec.org](mailto:jhylden@smec.org) • 713-830-4106



*Pope Leo XIII*





## COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS

**10:15–11 a.m. • Activity Center Gym**

This series will teach children about the symbols, liturgy and meaning of Holy Communion and is designed for children who are in second grade and older.

- Sept. 28** Symbols and Key Terms
- Oct. 5** The Passover Meal
- Oct. 12** What the Priest Does
- Oct. 19** What Does It All Mean?
- Oct. 26** Recognition Service at 9 a.m. The Church



Register for this class at  
[smec.org/communion-instruction](https://smec.org/communion-instruction)

**Rozlyn Cline**, Director of Children's Ministry  
[rmcline@smec.org](mailto:rmcline@smec.org) • 713-985-3816



## HIGH SCHOOL *Retreat*

**Oct. 10–12 • Lake Livingston**  
**Cost is \$250**

*For students in grades 9–12*

A weekend getaway for high schoolers to spend time with God and one another as we talk about faith. Join us for fun, fellowship and a fancy dinner out.



Sign up at  
[smec.org/students](https://smec.org/students)  
Deadline to register:

**Contact:** Florence Ritchie • [students@smec.org](mailto:students@smec.org) • 713-985-3843

# ACTIVITY CENTER



Join us during the week for a variety of classes. Our most popular classes often fill up!



*Learn more at  
[smec.org/activity](https://smec.org/activity)*

*Strength Training • Walk-it-Off  
Core and More • Tai Chi  
Line Dancing with Britt • Zumba  
Watercolor Painting • Chair Yoga  
Total Body Stretch*

**Contact:** [activitycenter@smec.org](mailto:activitycenter@smec.org)  
713-985-3835

## SHEPHERD'S GUILD

The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact Deacon Gill at [gkeyworth@smec.org](mailto:gkeyworth@smec.org) or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.



## MEMBERSHIP

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If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **[smec.org/visitor-card](http://smec.org/visitor-card)**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

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