

# Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



“Unexpected Blessings”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas  
September 17, 2023

## Welcome to Worship!

*VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices*

\*Indicates an invitation to stand - in body, or in spirit

Prelude: "Jesus, what a friend!" *By Jonathan W. Lee*  
(Elaine Weimer)

Minister's Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

\*Opening Hymn: VU 266 "Amazing Grace" *Words by John Henry Newton, Music from Virginia Harmony*

Announcements (Marilyn Coombs)

Call to Worship (Liz Gosse Davidson)

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: "He bringeth peace" *By Walter R. Clarke*

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: "My Saviour" *By Don Besig & Nancy Price*

Scripture: Psalm 103:8-17 (Liz Gosse Davidson)

Scripture: Romans 14:5-11 (Liz Gosse Davidson)

Song of Reflection: "Jesus, the very thought of Thee" *By Paul Taylor*

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (Rev. Rick)

Reflection: "Unexpected Blessings" (Rev. Rick)

Invitation to Offering (Marilyn Coombs)

\*Offering Hymn: VU 540 "Grant us, God, the grace of giving" *By Anonymous*

\*Offering Prayer

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: VU 240 "Praise, my soul, the God of heaven" *Words by Henry Francis Lyte, Music by John Goss*

\*Commissioning and Benediction (Marilyn Coombs)

\*Sung Blessing: "Go now in peace" *By Don Besig & Nancy Price*

Postlude: "I will sing of my Redeemer" *By Mark Hayes*  
(Elaine Weimer)

"We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

### Events & Reminders

TODAY - VISTA Card Orders Due

TODAY - Talent Show - 3:00pm

Oct 1 - World Communion Sunday - 10:30am

Oct 15 - Bless the Animals - 10:30am

Oct 21 - Euchre Card Party - 1:00pm

Oct 22 - Anniversary Sunday - 10:30am

Oct 29 - Folk/Rock Music Festival Fundraiser - 3:00pm

Nov 5 - Souper Sunday - 10:30am

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