

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 21, 2024**

***This Week***

**Bell Ringing at Start of 10am Service in Recognition of our Climate-Changed World**

In honor of Earth Day, we will start the 10am service on Sunday, April 21 by ringing bells for 7 minutes and 8 seconds. This amount of time equals 425 seconds, which represents the current level of CO2 (in parts per million) in the earth's atmosphere, the highest in millions of years. Please join us outside the narthex a few minutes before 10am so that we may begin together in prayer; you may take part in a procession around the Great Lawn, led by Rev. Pamela and the choir, or stay gathered either inside or outside the church during this time of prayer. Please maintain silence during the procession if you are not ringing bells, as this is an occasion for prayers of lament as well as hope.

**Music Notes for Sunday, April 21**

Our morning offertory anthem is taken from Carol Barnett's "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass," with words by Marisha Chamberlain. At 4pm, will be joined by guest musicians on fiddle, mandolin, and guitar to present the entire mass. Also on the program will be poetry from Maurice Manning's collection "Bucolics," read for us by the Rev. Ernie Lewis. These psalm-like poems are composed in the earthy language of a southern sharecropper speaking to his landlord. The concert is offered in honor of Earth Day; admission is free. This week we also traditionally celebrate Christ as Good Shepherd in the worship service, and our hymns were chosen with this in heart and mind.

**Sunday Afternoon! The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass, a Concert at St. Martin's**

Join us for a free, one-hour concert on April 21 in celebration of Earth Day. Details about "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass" are in the music notes above. We hope to have a great turnout!

***Next Week***

**Fearless Faith Revival**

On April 26 - 27, The Diocese of Northern California will hold a Fearless Faith Revival. An Episcopal revival is a series of gatherings that combine worship, teaching, faith-sharing, intensified prayer, and engagement with the mission of God. The Revival will take place at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Sacramento and at St. John's in Roseville. Detailed information is on the Revival website [HERE](#).

**St. Martin's efforts to build on the important work of becoming a zero-carbon church will be featured as one of the Stories of Courage.** This is just one of the ministry partners, vendors, and exhibitors that will be present on Saturday afternoon. There will also be workshops, food trucks, children's activities, and a spirit-filled outdoor service with uplifting music, prayer, and preaching. **Registration for the day is required** [HERE](#).

**Our exhibit needs more volunteers to help staff it.** The job is easy; just be a warm presence to welcome people and show them around. If you can help out for an hour or two, please let Rev. Pamela or the church office know as soon as possible.

## ***Save the Dates!***

### **Sunday, May 5: First Sunday, Rogation Sunday, and Scout Sunday!**

Our first Sundays are an opportunity for the 10am service to be a more informal, intergenerational worship experience. Whenever possible, we have a special activity or sermon for children, and there's always a pop-up choir. In May, the first Sunday also coincides with Rogation Days, one of the times set apart by the Church to pray for farms, gardens, and church grounds. To top it all off, we'll also welcome our Boy Scout troop and renew our relationship with them.

### **Saturday, May 18: Rogation-themed Spirituality in Nature Gathering at Forbes Ranch**

Weather-permitting, we'll have a short, informal worship service and opportunity for reflection in the beautiful almond orchard at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto, followed by a picnic dinner. More details to follow; let Rev. Pamela know if you'd like to help organize this event.

### **Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday**

On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles; this great feast day is also known as "the birthday of the church." Wear red and bring cupcakes to share!

### **Sunday, June 2: Ministry Fair and End-of-Year Picnic**

A combined service at 10am only. This is a First Sunday and a Ministry Fair—what a way to end our program year! If you are a ministry leader and want to show off the great work you do in and for the church and the world, here's your chance. More details soon.

## ***Other Events Happening Soon***

### **Mostly-Hybrid Sacred Ground Circle for Wingfield Deanery Starts May 5**

Church of the Epiphany in Vacaville and Grace Episcopal Church in Fairfield will co-host a Sunday afternoon Sacred Ground Circle beginning May 5, 2024. Except for the final session, the bi-weekly sessions will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays **both on Zoom and in person at Epiphany Church in Vacaville**. The final session will be a full-day, in-person-only workshop on Saturday, Sept. 21, in Fairfield or Vacaville (location to be determined). This Circle will be co-facilitated by the Rev. Katherine Frederick, curate at Grace Church, and Karen Nolan from Epiphany; the circle is limited to 20 participants. For more information and to register:

<https://forms.gle/MPpbbGqT2c8tfNw29>

### **Seeds of Justice Discussion Group on May 7 from 6:30 to 8pm**

Seeds of Justice, our land-based ministry program, is partnering with YoloSol to discuss the book, *Know We Are Here: Voices of Native California Resistance*, edited with an introduction by Terria Smith, a tribal member of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. **The group met twice previously and will meet again on May 7.** You are welcome to attend even if you were not at the first two sessions.

### ***I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice Workshop***

This workshop is rooted in our baptismal identity and the promises we make in baptism. **It meets the requirement for licensing for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors and unlicensed lay leaders (such as vestry members and ministry leads).** Other *licensed* lay ministries need to take Sacred Ground (see announcement above) to meet Diocesan licensing

requirements. If you are not sure what training you need for your ministry, please contact Director of Operations Gabe Avila.

***Saturday, May 11 / St. Michael's, Carmichael / 9:30 am - 4:30 pm***

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240328253904150>

Registration deadline: May 4, 2024

***Saturday, June 8 / Zoom / 9:30 am - 4:30 pm***

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240327903106145>

Registration deadline: June 1, 2024

### ***Update on Ceiling Stained-Glass Window***

We are posting updates regularly on our website. You can read about the formation of a Stained-Glass Window Task Force and other updates here:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2024/02/16/upgrades-and-repairs-to-stained-glass-window#currentwindowupdate>

### ***Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays***

**Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the narthex.** Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service.

**Centering Prayer: Wednesdays, 5pm in Room 6/7.** Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session.

**Compline: Fridays, 8:30pm on Zoom.** Join Deacon Margaret and others for this 20-minute service. Find the Zoom link on our website under “Worship.”

### ***Meetings and Office Hours***

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, April 18 at 7pm in the church

**Social Justice and Outreach:** Monday, April 22 at 5:15pm on Zoom

**Seeds of Justice Book Discussion:** Tuesday, May 9, 6:30pm in Room 8

**Buildings & Grounds:** Friday, May 10 at 4pm on Zoom

**Vestry:** Monday, May 20 at 7pm in the church library

#### **Rector's Office Hours on Monday**

Rev. Pamela has office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm in the church library or outdoors, depending upon the weather. **Her next office hours will be on Monday, April 22. She will be outdoors on April 22** as we have a planned power outage at the church. Meet her in front of the office building on Hawthorn near the Prayer Chalkboard. To reach Pamela at a different time, feel free to contact her directly ([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)) or to contact the church office. As a reminder, Rev. Pamela's usual day off is Friday.

#### **Looking for an Event? Check the Church Calendar**

Are you looking for a church service or event at the church? We keep our church calendar up-to-date and you can always find worship services and events by using the drop-down menu item “Calendar” on our website ([www.churchofstmartin.org](http://www.churchofstmartin.org)) or by clicking on this link:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/calendar/>

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in person or contact the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)

### **Church Office Closure on Monday, April 22**

Due to a PG&E planned power outage on Monday, April 22, staff and clergy will be working at home and the church office will be closed. We will be checking the office e-mail and are sorry for any inconvenience.