



# Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Peter Boehlke, *guest speaker*

The Rev. W. Robert Martin III, *former pastor*

The Rev. Colette Soult, *pastoral care associate*

Kathi Anderson, Twila Finkelstein, Thomas Hartley, Randy Hausler,

Matt Moore, and Rebecca Schuchert, *worship leaders*

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Campbell, the Rev. Lydia Richards, and Karen Wentzel,  
*guest communion servers*

Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Student Ministry Band

Julia Van Den Top, *organist & accompanist*



# Bulletin Cover & Worship Art

- *Sketches for a Container Spilled* (2023), by Robert Martin (Buehler):
  - Part I | "An Imminent End of Physical Being"
  - Part II | "A Shattered Existence, A Scattered Essence"
  - Part III | "Spilled into an Open Volume"
- Robert Martin (Buehler), born 1994, earned their BFA from the University of Wisconsin-Stout (2017), and their MFA at the University of Colorado-Boulder (2021). Their paintings are a revisitation of the pastoral spaces they grew up in and a documentation of the queerness which exists within rural America. Influenced by their upbringing in the Catholic church, they explore the storytelling potential embedded within its art and architecture.
  - "These works were originally included in my exhibition, Inland Sea, at the Munro Gallery of Albion College. The exhibition explored relationships through time and space. Specifically, works in the exhibition were influenced by my uncle and namesake, Martin Ross McRoberts, who passed in 1994 of complications with HIV. In this initial exhibition his work was exhibited alongside my own and demonstrated collaboration beyond a shared time and space, as well as queer lineage and inherited influence."



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# Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers we given in celebration of Pastor Rob and Dō Martin's ministry.



# The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

*Celebration of the Ministry of the Rev. W. Robert Martin III*

9:30 a.m. | May 3, 2026 | St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

## Thought for Reflection

“I am thinking more and more that God will not judge us either for the good or the evil that we have done, but simply for whether we have been capable of accepting God's love and transmitting it to other people ... Yes, I must begin by giving thanks to God for everything, because really everything has been the grace of God.” – *Bishop Pedro Casaldaliga*

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Awesome God*, by Rich Mullins

✠ **Call to Gather** | *based on Romans 12:4-8, 11-13*

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function,  
so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

**We have different and varied gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

If your gift is to hear God's Word, **then speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service, **then live to serve others—freely and faithfully.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher, **then teach what is true and just and equitable.**

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely.

**Let officers work with dedicated diligence for the people,  
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly—with open hearts and hands.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

**Serving the Divine with imagination and love, rejoicing always with hope,  
living patiently in the midst of suffering and pain,  
turning constantly to prayer and reflection,**

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**Hymns + Songs** | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison.

✠ | Please rise in body or in spirit.

**engaging in study while embracing our doubts,  
and supporting one another with care and compassion,  
while turning no one out or away!**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Guide Us to Openness, Spirit of Mercy,” pg. 6

**Call to Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Rob Martin*

Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, One God in perfect community,  
look now on us who look to you for guidance—

**And hear our prayers for ourselves and for our world!**

We know that if we claim that we have done no wrong,  
we are simply deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**Yet if we are willing to confess both our public and private transgressions,  
then our God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive us and make us whole once more.**

And so, with such a promise in mind,  
let us corporately confess our misdeeds against both God and neighbor.

**God of Justice and Hope, we bring before you the painful truth that we live in disharmony.**

**You have given us a unifying song of love,  
but we have chosen instead to run off and sing our own self-focused tunes.**

**You have provided us with a score for peace,  
but we have chosen instead to tear it apart  
through our arrogance, anger, and pride.**

**Your rich and vibrant voice sings to us of a world of equity and equality,  
but we have chosen instead to cover our ears  
so as to block out your challenging and life-changing message.**

**Forgive us, and restore us, and fill us with your healing harmonies, O God!  
For we ask all this in the name of the Song-Master himself — Jesus, the Christ —  
whose well-formed lyrics show us how to live and love!**

*Time for Silent Confession*

Dear Ones, do not be saddened—

for the God of peace is with us all, guiding our hearts and gifting our lives.

May our thoughts now center on all that is hope-filled and healing.

For God’s Harmonious Spirit dwells with all those who seek to be just and faithful!

**Thanks be to God for this gift of grace!**

✕ **Musical Response** | “Awesome God,” pg. 7

✕ **Sharing of Christ’s Peace & Compassion**

And now, as a visible sign of what it means to live together  
in the care and context of Christ’s community,  
let us extend Christ’s peace and compassion to those around us!  
The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

**Gospel Reading** | *Mark 1:1-13* (translated by Herman Waetjen)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Prompting** | The Rev. Peter Boehlke

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “We Make the Road By Walking Forth,” pg. 7

**Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents**

**Offertory** | *I Will Not Forget You*, by Ben Pasley and Robin Pasley

✕ **Response to Our Offerings** | “I Will Not Forget You,” pg. 8

**Celebration of Communion**

**Music During Communion** | *I Choose Love*, by Mark A. Miller

**Prayers of the People**

✕ **Sending Hymn** | “O God, We Raise our Voices,” pg. 9

✕ **Benediction**

**Postlude** | *Postlude on “St. Anne,”* arr. by Anthony Giamanco



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✧ After the Sharing of Christ’s Peace & Compassion, children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to head to the Lower Level Children’s Area for children’s programming.

# Guide Us to Openness, Spirit of Mercy

D G6 A D

1. Guide us to o - pen-ness, Spir - it of mer - cy.  
 2. Spir - it of ten - der-ness, im - part your pre - sence.  
 3. Though there are those who would lim - it Christ's grac - es,

5 G D E A

Aid us in seek - ing God's just - ice and grace.  
 Fill both our hearts and our hands with your care.  
 Still we re - fuse to be - lieve in such lies.

9 A7 D G6

Move us to show Christ's com - pas - sion through wit - ness,  
 Let no one suf - fer or grieve un - at - tend - ed,  
 For on this day we now make a com - mit - ment

13 E/G# D/A A7 D

Love first to of - fer and hate to e - rase.  
 Grant us your kind - ness and warmth here to share.  
 Nev - er to lim - it love's pow - er or size.

17 A D B7 Em

Guide us to o - pen-ness! Guide us to o - pen-ness!

21 A7 D A E A

Let no one ev - er be shunned or de - nied.

25 A7 D G6

Make of the church a bold palce of com - pas - sion,

29 E7 D/A A7 D

That all who seek you may come and a - bide.

# Our God Is an Awesome God 616

## Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove  
with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

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AWESOME GOD

Irregular

## Guide Us to Openness, Spirit of Mercy

1. We\_\_ make the road by walk - ing forth in\_\_ faith and not\_\_ by sight.  
2. We\_\_ make the road by walk - ing forth in\_\_ hope and not\_\_ in fear.  
3. We\_\_ make the road by walk - ing forth with joy and not\_\_ re - gret.

A\_\_ jour - ney of dis - cover - er - y with chal - lenge and\_\_ de - light.  
A\_\_ by - way build on trust and love that\_\_ brings the Spir - it near.  
A\_\_ path where all are tru - ly loved and\_\_ long - held needs are met.

This path takes us\_\_ to wid - er realms where joy and\_\_ faith can grow.  
This path shall cause the blind to see, the\_\_ mute to\_\_ find their voice.  
This route will lead\_\_ us to a place where hate will\_\_ fi - nally cease

As\_\_ Christ, be - side\_\_ us\_\_ on the way, guides gent - ly where we go.  
The\_\_ last to bold - ly\_\_ lead the way, the\_\_ hurt to cry\_\_ re - joice!  
As\_\_ we, who jour - ney\_\_ on the Way, pro - claim God's pro - mised peace.

# I Will Not Forget You

BEN PASLEY and ROBIN PASLEY

**E<sub>b</sub>**                      **B<sub>b</sub>**                      **C<sub>m</sub>**                      **A<sub>b</sub>**



Man-y men will drink the rain                      and turn to thank the clouds.  
Man-y men will pour their gold                      and serve a thing that shines

5                      **E<sub>b</sub>**                      **B<sub>b</sub>**                      **C<sub>m</sub>**                      **A<sub>b</sub>**



Man-y men will hear You speak. They will nev-er turn a-round.  
Man-y men will read your words, they will nev-er change their minds

9                      **E<sub>b</sub>**                      **B<sub>b</sub>**                      **C<sub>m</sub>**



But I will not for-get You. You are my God, my King. With a thank-ful heart, I

13                      **A<sub>b</sub>**                      **E<sub>b</sub>**                      **B<sub>b</sub>**                      **C<sub>m</sub>**



bring my of-fer-ing. And my sac-ri-fice is not what You can give but what I a-lone can

17                      **A<sub>b</sub>**                      **E<sub>b</sub>**                      **B<sub>b</sub>**                      **C<sub>m</sub>**



give to You. A grate-ful heart I give; a thank-ful pray-er I pray. A wild dance I

21                      **A<sub>b</sub>**                      **E<sub>b</sub>**                      **B<sub>b</sub>**                      **C<sub>m</sub>**



dance be-fore You. A loud song I sing; a huge bell I ring. A life of praise I

25                      **A<sub>b</sub>**                      **E<sub>b</sub>**



live be - fore You.

# O God, We Raise Our Voices

1. O God, we raise our voices re - mem - ber - ing our past,  
 2. We live with vast di - vi - sions of race and creed and stand -  
 3. When world - ly ways en - tice us, and pol - i - cies de - ceive,  
 4. We trust in your bold jus - tice, and know you will e - quip,  
 5. O God, we raise our voices in praise of where you lead,

Brave times of val - iant choic - es on which our hopes were cast.  
 A time of dire re - vi - sions to all that You would plan.  
 When lead - ers by - pass jus - tice, the poor are left to grieve,  
 This ser - vant now be - fore us who brings Christ's lead - er - ship.  
 New days of val - iant choic - es where Christ's way can suc - ceed.

But now we seek per - spec - tive for all the fu - ture holds,  
 So let us seek a path - way that leads us from such night,  
 Guide well our hands and voices that none should suf - fer pain.  
 May chal - lenge be his mes - sage, and love his firm de - sire,  
 A - midst those now de - rid - ed, help this, your church, to be,

Grant us a clear di - rec - tive to fash - ion Christ - like goals.  
 And puts us on a high - way that guides us toward your light.  
 Help us to make bold choic - es that ush - er in your reign.  
 That through this time of pas - sage our gifts he will in - spire.  
 A bod - y un - di - vid - ed, a place of u - ni - ty!

# Upcoming Events

- **Celebrating Rob Martin's Ministry** | Today
- **Free Lunch** | May 6
- **Meetup @ FMC Spring Social** | May 6
- **At the Table** | May 7
- **Trivia Night** | May 8
- **Work Day @ Camp Bear Creek** | May 9
- **Welcoming Jordan Warntjes** | May 10
- **Meetup @ Julia Van Den Top's Recital** | May 10
- **Senior Moments @ The Kernels** | May 13
- **Nebraska Wesleyan Choir Concert** | May 15
- **Grad Party: Emmitt Schmidt-Rundell** | May 16
- **Mini-Ministry & Sensory Fair** | May 17
- **Meetup @ Friday Night Concert** | May 22
- **Grad Party: Brody Sobolik** | May 30
- **Food Market** | May 27
- **Free Lunch** | June 3
- **At the Table** | June 4
- **Celebration of Life: Lee Witwer** | June 6
- **Stronghold** | June 7-12
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 14
- **Vacation Bible School** | June 15-19
- **Senior Moments** | June 16
- **Food Market** | June 24
- **Free Lunch** | July 1
- **At the Table** | July 2
- **Installation of Jordan Warntjes** | July 12
- **Senior Moments** | July 21
- **Food Market** | July 22
- **Guatemala Mission Trip** | July 25 - Aug. 1
- **Free Lunch** | August 5
- **At the Table** | August 6
- **Girls Rock!** | August 10-14
- **Senior Moments** | August 18
- **Food Market** | September 2
- **Free Lunch** | August 5
- **At the Table** | August 6
- **Girls Rock!** | August 10-14
- **Senior Moments** | August 18



## A Farewell, a Celebration, and a Welcome

Pastor Carl Anderson (4/26)

Pastor Rob Martin (5/3)

& Pastor Jordan Warntjes (5/10)

## Pastor Rob Martin: A Legacy of Joy

The broad ministry of the **Rev. W. Robert Martin III** is hard to sum up in one word, but “joy” gets you pretty close.

If you take a minute to look through the booklet, *Pastor Rob Martin: A Legacy of Joy*, you'll see how no single voice captures Rob's ministry. The stories differ, but they keep circling the same qualities: curiosity, courage, and a deep love for people.

Pastor Rob came to St. Andrew at an odd moment — late in the first year of the pandemic, after a long stretch without a settled pastor. It would have made sense to play it safe. Instead, he leaned in. He made it normal to try things, to collaborate, to say an idea out loud and see where it led.

If you really want to understand Rob, though, you don't start with a prompting.

You start at the table.

Again and again—right after the Doxology—he'd look up and say it plainly: everyone is welcome, and everybody is loved. No qualifiers. No conditions.

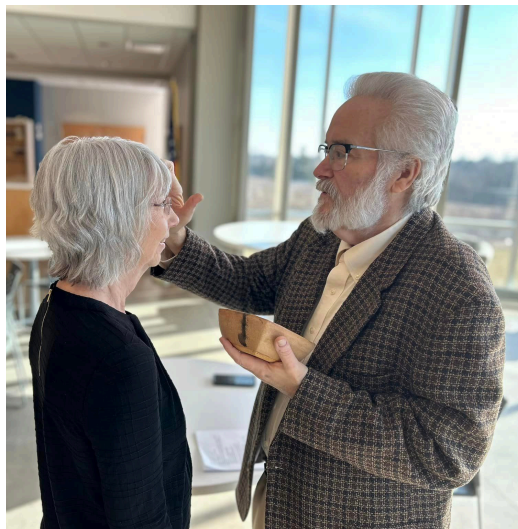
Dō extended a similar invitation, just visually. Her liturgical art became part of the message itself. The stole worn today is her design. The communion bowls are hers. Together, they make the same claim Rob did: grace is ever-present, not measured out.

As Pastor Rob explained before a communion back in May 2022:

*Today, it is time for us to come to the table. Many of us come from different places in our lives. Some of us are sure in our faith; others among us are questioning; some are still trying to find their way onto the path.*

*But wherever you are in that journey today, I want you to know that this is a table of welcome and open inclusion. There's no checklist that we have to follow for you to partake in this meal.*

*So I urge you today to come where you are and as you are, for this meal is spread for you and for me, that we might again know that God has come to us, has shared our common lot, and invited each of us to become part of God's new age.*



**PASTOR ROB MARTIN: A LEGACY OF JOY**  
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

[tinyurl.com/celebrating-pastor-rob](https://tinyurl.com/celebrating-pastor-rob)



# Questions about Worship?

- **Welcome!** Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are *delighted* to worship together.
- St. Andrew is an open, affirming, and inclusive congregation. That means we welcome saints and sinners, skeptics and believers, families of *all* shapes and sizes, and people from every point along life's journey. So, whoever you are this morning, whatever you believe—whether you believe anything at all: *You are welcome here!*
- If you are here for the first time, we encourage you to stop by our Welcome Table or Information Kiosk near the main entrance in the Atrium. There you will find some good people who would love to answer any questions you might have about our faith community.
- If you can't stop at the Info Kiosk today, you can learn more about St. Andrew by emailing [office@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:office@saintandrew-ic.org) or filling out this short form: <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-guest>.
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online shortly before 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, followed by Sunday School and Adult Christian Education offerings from September to April and a variety of After Worship activities from May to August.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the morning. Programming for children (through Kindergarten age) begins in the Lower Level after the **Time for Young Disciples**.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the **weekly offering** support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry.
- To log into the **St. Andrew Connect** system, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store/Google Play** or visit <https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com>.
- There are wheelchairs available for use as needed in the lower level entrance foyer and by the coat racks near the upper level entrance.
- There is an AED near the Coffee Kitchen should a medical emergency arise.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

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