



ST. MARK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

April 2 & 3  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

St. Augustine of Hippo

“Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of thy brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom. All our desire is known unto thee, therefore perfect what thou hast begun, and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek thy face, turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect.”

## PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

*Little Prelude and Fugue in A minor*

Bach (1685-1750)

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**We rejoiced: “The Lord has done great things for us.”**

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Come! Let us worship our God together!

## † HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymnal #630

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill our lives, our homes, our churches, and the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until you make all things new. We continue to pray in Jesus’ name. (Silent Confession)**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## † GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

## TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

(Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger may leave to attend Sunday School)

## SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

## SERMON

“Life Is a Part of Death”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism Question One

Q. What is our chief end?

**A. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.**

## † THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

## † HYMN

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

Hymnal #510

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Bread & Cup  
Prayer After Communion

## † CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION  
(Sunday Worship)

"Shalom, chaverim"  
See below

## POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Intonatio Sexti Toni

Scherer (1631-1712)

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

## Shalom, chaverim

Hebrew Blessing

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Hebrew Blessing. The first staff is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Sh - lom, cha-ver-rim! Sha - lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha - lom, sha -' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5', followed by a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'lom! Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 6** Reclaiming Sabbath, 6-7 pm
- April 9** Children's Musical, 5 pm
- April 9** Bunco, 6-9 pm
- April 10** Jerusalem Festival, 11 am-12 pm
- April 12** Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm
- April 15** Journey to the Cross, 11 am-7 pm
- April 16** Bunny Breakfast, 10 am-12 pm

## WELCOME TO ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are pleased to have you join us this morning. Your presence enriches both us and this experience of worship together. It is our prayer this will be a time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate in our life together here at St. Mark.

**To Our Guests.** We hope you enjoy your visit today. Whether this is your first visit, or you have been coming to St. Mark and are considering joining the church and you would like to know more about St. Mark, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, please contact the church office, 636-394-2233.

**Please wear your NAMETAG at church.** Don't have one? Stop by the church office where you will find a form to fill out in the "Name Badge" mailbox.

**Listening devices** are also available and may be picked up from the sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary.

**April/May/June** *These Days* devotional booklets are in the lobby at the 'Mark' entrance.

**Please be aware** that, as St. Mark works to increase safety and security, all doors to the building are locked Sunday morning once worship has begun. Those who arrive late should approach the 'Mark' door and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary** are donated by Pat Marshall, "In loving memory of Larry Marshall's April 5<sup>th</sup> birthday."

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 14 Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

April 15 Good Friday Service, 3pm

April 16 Holy Saturday Service, 5pm

April 17 Easter Sunday Service, 10 am

## WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to St. Mark, we have several convenient and easy ways to do this:

**In-person:** An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the worship service.

**Mail:** Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to:

St. Mark Presbyterian Church  
601 Claymont Drive  
Ballwin, MO 63011

**Online:** To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be directed to our giving page on [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org), **OR** go to:



[www.discoverstmark.org/  
giving/make-an-on-line-  
donation-to-st-mark/](http://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/)

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### Self Development of People

In South Sudan, One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping women whose lives have been turned upside down by interethnic conflict. Most are widows of men killed in the fighting, and/or they are survivors of sexual assaults that occurred amid the conflict. They face the daunting task of feeding their families in a country beset by violence, drought, crop disease and pests.

PC(USA) partner Hope Restoration South Sudan has been working with these women, providing them both the means and the training needed to farm well. The women are growing healthy crops that are nourishing families and generating income, says Angelina Nyajima, director of Hope Restoration South Sudan.

The women are linked with markets so they can sell the produce they don't eat, and they use the money to buy additional food and to set up small businesses,

Additionally, One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are used to provide psychosocial support to gender-based violence survivors and initiating activities aimed at preventing sexual assaults.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### Reclaiming Sabbath

April 6, 6-7 pm



Pastor Dave is leading the second class on **RECLAIMING SABBATH** in our lives on Wednesday, April 6 from 6-7pm. Everyone is invited.



**What:** Bowling

**When:** April 24th 3-5pm

**Where:** West County Lanes, 15727 Manchester Rd.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person

**Includes:** 2 hours of bowling, Shoe rental, Pizza, & Unlimited soda

Contact Pastor MP if you want to save your spot on the lanes!

Good Friday

### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

APRIL 15TH  
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS 11:00AM -7:00 PM  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 3:00 PM

Join us on Good Friday April 15th between the hours of 11 am and 7 pm for a spiritual self-guided journey through an ecumenical version of the stations of the cross.

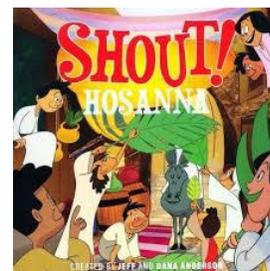
Upon arrival you will be greeted by someone who will provide you with a map and instructions. This journey is a time for each one of us to connect with God in a special way as we contemplate the last hours of Jesus earthly life. We can then examine how those contemplations speak to our own spiritual life in Christ Jesus.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Pastor MP.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**DON'T MISS THE  
CHILDREN'S  
MUSICAL!**

Saturday, April 9, during  
5pm worship service in  
the Sanctuary!



**CHILDREN'S  
LENTEN  
WATER  
CHALLENGE**

St. Mark children are  
challenging the  
congregation to  
support the Lenten  
Water Challenge.

There is a "well" in the Narthex for the children of the congregation to donate their coins which will be added to donations made by the church members.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 30. Youth Hangout will resume on Wednesday, April 6.



**APRIL 10,  
11 am-12 pm**

Come and experience a 1<sup>st</sup> century Jerusalem marketplace! Visit a Jewish temple, shop in the local market, visit the petting zoo, and more! If you would like to help by donating food items for our festival, please visit the Welcome Center, pick up a food card item and return by the date on the back of the card.



Come join us on April 16th for our annual Bunny Breakfast (outdoor) with Daylight Doughnuts, four separate Easter egg hunts, games, prizes, and a picture opportunity with Peter Cottontail! The event starts at 10 am. Easter egg hunts will take place as follows: 3 & under at 10:30 am, PreK & K at 10:50 am, 1st & 2nd grade at 11:10 am, all ages at 11:30 am.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

During March, we are collecting the following items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58:



- Boxed Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Sardines



Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. You may also write a check indicating the mission partner(s) on the memo line.

### ADULT MISSION TRIP

July 9-16, Spirit Lake, ND

Mission trip activities include light construction and summer day camp support. Contact Joyce Blackwell if you are interested in participating.



### LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE



You are encouraged to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent. Giving up the morning trip to Starbucks or the evening glass of wine might be a tall task for some, but the money we save

each day can be used to support Marion Medical Mission in building more wells in Africa. We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children.

## ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of **April**. Donations of new and gently used clothing items (sizes up to 6 months), blankets, wipes, and diapers are especially needed. Donated items may be placed in the Pac n Play in the Narthex in **April**. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks may be mailed to Newborns in Need c/o Judy Giovanoni, 461 Bluff Meadow Dr., Ellisville, MO 63021. Please contact Shirley Boeker or Louise Grothe for more information.



### HAVE A CONNECTED EASTER EXPERIENCE!

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we want to help your family be intentional in connecting

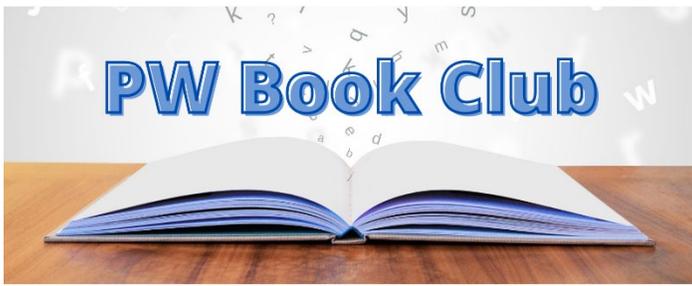
with each other and with God's big story of redemption, from Exodus to Easter. This resource will give your family an at-home opportunity to dive into God's Word through hands-on activities, games, and conversations. To access the **Week 2** Bible stories and activities, go to

<https://davidccook.org/connected-easter-family-dashboard/>.

## Mound Ridge Retreat Center

### CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK WEEKEND & CONFIRMATION RETREAT, May 6-7th

St. Mark has a long tradition of working at Mound Ridge. This year we plan to have a work day coupled with an overnight for confirmation students and anyone else who would like to join us! Please let us know by **April 28** if you would like to attend just for the work day or if you plan to stay overnight so we can reserve a space for you. The fee is \$10 per person for the workday only to cover lunch & a snack. The fee for the work day and overnight stay is \$25 per adult & \$20 per child. If you have any questions, please reach out to Latisha or Pastor MP.



PW Book Club meets on April 27th at 9:30AM in person in room 102 and virtually on Zoom. Pat Eisenberg will be presenting The Midnight Library by Sonia Purnell. It is a story about a woman named Nora and each book at this library tells the story of a life she could have had. “Whimsical.” —*Washington Post*, named one of the 15 Feel-Good Books Guaranteed to Lift Your Spirits.



St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We encourage you to order one or more lilies to brighten your home or to be delivered to a homebound member as a tangible reminder of their spiritual connection to St Mark. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. A portion of this year’s Easter lily cost will go to our mission partners. If you have any questions, contact Kay Merz.



**Saturday, April 9  
6:00 – 9:00 PM**

The fun starts rolling at 6 pm in the narthex! No experience necessary, you can learn everything you need to know while playing! Please bring an appetizer to share, your own beverages (soda, wine, beer) and some friends! There will be prizes and lots of fun!!

Presented By  
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**Circle of Concern Golf Tournament**

Save the Date - Monday, May 23 at  
Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka

16th Annual!

Hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church  
Benefiting the programs of Circle of Concern

Call Bob Stewart for info

Volunteers Needed!  
You don't have to be a golfer. Join us on the course for a half day or whole day.

**Go Getters  
April Luncheon**

The April Go Getters luncheon will be on  
April 12 at The Hearth Room, 12pm.  
(265 Lamp & Lantern Village, Chesterfield)

Please let Judy Richardson or Jan Graves know of your plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

**MOUND RIDGE  
SPRING  
FUNDRAISER**

APRIL 9 FROM 12PM TO 3PM

**JOIN US FOR THE MOUND RIDGE ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER!**

Saturday, April 9th from 12 pm to 3 pm at Maison Du Lac - 2603 Wild Plum Valley Road, Catawissa, MO 63069. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes lunch.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards Mound Ridge’s mission to provide a “discounted or cost free” camp experience to over 180 underserved children. Go to <https://moundridge.org/> to learn more.

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Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco  
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland  
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve*



*Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley  
Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso  
Sunday Choir Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee  
Sunday Liturgist: Glenn Knopf  
Sunday Special Music: Chancel Choir*

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