



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

May 13 & 14, 2023  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Daniel Burton

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**the Lord who has made everything!**

## † HYMN

**“Make a Joyful Noise to God”**

**Hymnal #54**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your beloved creations, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.** (silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ lives, we also live.

Not because of anything we have done,

not because of our belief or faithfulness:

we live because Christ lives.

**This is the Christ who forgives us.**

**This is the God who is in us.**

**This is the Spirit who is with us.**

**Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

## † 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)

## † HYMN

**“Christ Is Alive”**

**Hymnal #246**

## SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

## SERMON/MEDITATION

**“Because Christ Lives”**

Rev. MP Panco

## † 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.**

OFFERTORY

“When Jesus Wept”  
Chancel Choir

William Billings

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

† HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

Hymnal #839

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

He Lives

See below

POSTLUDE

Resurrection

William Stickles

† *You are invited to stand, as you are able.*

*Large print worship bulletins are now available. Please ask one of the ushers for a copy.*

**He Lives**

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and  
talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You  
ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May**

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| <b>15</b> | Prayer Circle, 9:30 am     | <b>21</b> | Equal Exchange/Fairly Traded in the Narthex |
| <b>16</b> | Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am | <b>21</b> | Church Picnic & Bon Voyage Party            |
| <b>16</b> | Yoga, 6:30 pm              | <b>24</b> | PW Book Club, 9:30 am                       |
| <b>18</b> | Chair Exercise, 10 am      | <b>28</b> | Graduate Recognition, during worship        |
|           |                            | <b>26</b> | Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:00 am         |

## 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.

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

**Devotional Booklets, *These Days*** are available 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 in the Sanctuary** are donated by Norm & Valerie Steiner "In celebration of Amanda and Sarah's birthdays"

**TO MEMBERS:** 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.

**WAYS TO GIVE:** There are several convenient and easy ways to contribute to St. Mark:

**In-person:** During Sunday 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).



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the next class of elders, deacons, endowment and next year's Nominating Committee. We have a lot of talent in our church community and what better way is there to join in, make a difference and expand your circle of friends than participating in the work of the church! The forms are available at the Welcome Desk to suggest candidates, even yourself. Please leave at the Welcome Desk or the Nominating Committee mailbox in the church office. Your energy and talents are needed, please prayerfully consider. Please see the attached nominating form on the back of the bulletin.



On Sunday, May 21, we will gather with food and well wishes for the Burgess family as they prepare for their summer sabbatical. Please plan to join us following church on Sunday for a hot dog lunch, cornhole and some fun surprises! (All activities will be onsite at church.) Hope to see you there!!!

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 AM Let's Talk About Sabbath

As we move closer to this summer when Pastor Dave will go on Sabbatical leave, we as a congregation will also begin the journey to seek to live into God's command to observe the Sabbath. In the weeks to come we will learn more about Dave's sabbatical leave in particular. In this Bible study we will talk about Pastor sabbaticals, take a closer look at weekly sabbath, and discuss what sabbath might mean for us. Join us for any or all of the classes. This is a hybrid class happening in person as well as on Zoom. If you wish to be added to the current email communication list, contact Pastor MP. [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org).

**Class dates: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

### NURSERY

Nursery Care, for ages 0 - 2yrs, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:00 am.



### VBS AT ST. MARK, JULY 17-21

Join us for a **full week** of VBS fun as we are all called together to serve God at Hero Hotline! Online Registration is now open for VBS! Go to



[discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) or use this QR code to register your family today!!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Join us for worship Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and recognize graduating High School and College seniors! All graduates will be issued a Bible as a gift from the St. Mark family as they venture on to the next step of their journeys. Congratulations Seniors!

### VBS LEADER AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training will take place on the following dates in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship: May 28, and June 25. Use the QR code or go to [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) to register as a volunteer!



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

Look for our Summer Sundays and VBS Volunteer Table on May 21<sup>st</sup> before and after the morning service! Find out how to simply give of your time one hour/once a month during the summer months AND/OR how to "say YES TO VBS!" and join our team the week of July 17-21 from 9 am - 12:00 pm. Latisha Gilliland will be available to answer any questions you may have - we are so excited about what God is going to do in St. Mark Children's Ministry!

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### MAY FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Spinach
- Crackers
- Dish Soap\*
- Adult Depends\*
- Pullups and Baby Wipes\*



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries.

Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. \*Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps.



You are invited to join a Meal Packaging Experience with St. Mark Presbyterian Church in the movement to end hunger on Saturday, June 24, from 10 am – 12 pm. Come join us as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals that will be sent to feed people around the world. The event is for all ages and abilities. Go to [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) to register to participate and/or to donate to this event.

### EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED IN THE NARTHEX ON MAY 21

#### *Who grows your tea and spices?*

Marginalized Organic Producers' Association (MOPA) is a network of over 800 small-scale farmers, about half of whom are women, in the Uva and Central regions of Sri Lanka. These farmers grow tea and spices and are committed to organic and biodynamic agriculture.

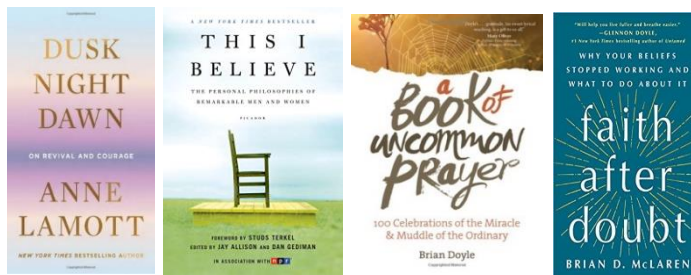


St. Mark supports this mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just, environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers -- that's us! *Credit, Debit, (swipe or tap) accepted.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### BOOK CLUB

PW Book Club meets May 24 at 9:30 am virtually and in Room 102. Pat Eisenberg will present Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. Please contact Judy Richardson if you wish to receive a Zoom invitation.



### HOW DO WE UNCOVER OUR FAITH STORIES?

*Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.*  
1 Peter 3:15 (The Message)

**Seek** examples of other writers and their faith.

**Discover** how you can write about your faith experience.

**Share** writing for yourself / for people you trust/ for people you don't know.

**Sign up** to read one of these four books (above) and be part of a book group reading to understand and write faith stories that answer "why you're living the way you are."

See the display of books and sign-up list in the Narthex or contact Bill Tucker. The groups will start meeting in June, but you can start reading now!

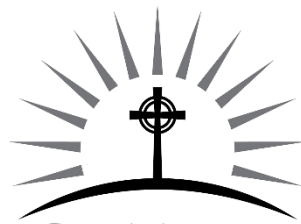
## **FLOWERS NEEDED!**

Donating flowers is a great way to celebrate or commemorate a person, milestone, event or to simply share some of God's gifts of beauty in the sanctuary.



Thank you to those who have signed up to donate. We still have open dates throughout the summer and fall. The flower chart is located in the lobby of the main entrance. If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship service, please sign the flower chart, complete the form provided and place the form along with a check in the "Drop Box" in the Pastor's Hallway. Your flowers can either be taken home or donated to be delivered to a homebound church member.

*Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess*  
*Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco*  
*Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland*  
*Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Susan Talley*



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*Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte*  
*Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso*  
*Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee*  
*Special Music: Chancel Choir*  
*Sunday Liturgist: Cay Noble*