



**YOUTH LED WORSHIP
MAY 7, 2023
BULLETIN**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God, you have created us to do some definite service. You have called us to some work and purpose that you have not committed to another. We have my mission. We have a bond of connection between persons. You have not created us as individuals for nothing. So, we shall do good. We shall do your work. We shall be preachers of truth without intending it if we but open our hearts and eyes and follow you. Therefore, we will trust you. Whatever we are, we can never be thrown away. You do nothing in vain; nothing is wasted if it is brought into our lives by you. You know what you are doing. Amen.

PRELUDE

Blessings

Melody Bober

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of categories and labels,

We are seen by a God who loves us.

In a world of fairytales and falsehoods,

We are known by a God who loves us.

In a world of long-term plans and stressful decisions,

We are blessed by a God who loves us.

We are loved by a God who sees, knows, and blesses us.

Let us worship God.

† HYMN

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Hymnal #452

Sing Two Times

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know the me that I show everyone else and the me I hope no one ever sees. You know the me that tries to fit in and the me that is often overlooked. You know that I often look on the world selfishly, seeing only the things I want to see and pleading ignorance to the rest. In your mercy, unblur my vision that I might focus on my life and the world as they are and not as I pretend them to be. Forgive me for the ways in which I have denied reality and made excuses for myself and others. Wash the mud from my eyes and renew my sight, I pray. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORY TO GOD

Hymnal #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

“You Are Holy”

Hymnal #596

Sing Two Times

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139, Common English Version

SERMON/MEDITATION

“You Are Known by God”

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Based on Psalm 23

The Lord is our shepherd, we have everything we need from our God.
God gives us rest in the green meadows and beside the cool waters;
You, O God, restore our souls.
We are led down right paths that bring honor to your name.
Even when we walk through dark and difficult valleys we will not fear;
For our God is with us, protecting, comforting, guarding and guiding every step we take.
You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies;
You lavish us with blessings to the point of overflowing.
We know with confidence that your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and our eternity shall be in the house of the Lord forever and ever. Amen

OFFERTORY

“He Has Done Marvelous Things”
Chancel Choir

Traditional Gospel

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #609

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

For all who hunger

Something to eat

For all who thirst

Something to drink

May all who are outside

Be invited in

May all who are exposed

Be sheltered and clothed

For all who are sick

Healing and comfort

For all who are imprisoned

Liberation and love

Give us eyes to see

And Hearts to know

That as we do for the least of these

We do for you, O Christ. We do for you.

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

† **HYMN**

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Hymnal #80

† CHARGE

From where we are to where you need us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal.

Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

Jesus, now lead on. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Hymnal #600

Sing 3 Times

POSTLUDE

Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

† 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.

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

Jonathan Neal

Sam Burgess

Meghan Rouff

Amelia Burgess

Declan Phipps

Sadie Burgess

Ronnie Oglesby

Devin Melter

Sammie Arnet

Ella Melter

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

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| 7 | Membership Exploration Class, 8:50 am | 11 | Chair Exercise, 10 am |
| 8 | Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 12 | Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 am |
| 9 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 21 | Equal Exchange/Fairly Traded in the Narthex |
| 9 | Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm | 21 | Church Picnic & Bon Voyage Party |
| 9 | Yoga, 6:30 pm | 24 | PW Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 10 | Children's Garden Planting, 5 pm | 28 | Graduate Recognition, during worship |

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 the Hargrove Family, "Blessings to all".

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.



APRIL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Total Attendance
		In Person	Online	
April 1 & 2	19	188	132	339
April 9	15	195	129	339
April 15 & 16	20	120	85	225
April 29 & 30	16	128	117	261

Maundy Thursday in person 75 & online 63 – total 138

Good Friday in person 61 & online 73 – total 134

Holy Saturday in person 13

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

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.

Class dates: April 14th, 21st, 28th, May 12th, 26th, June 2nd.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Join us for worship Sunday May 28th 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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5th 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.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Bring a plant or two of your own to be planted in our Children's Garden the week of May 7 – 14! You may plant it yourself or drop off for our St. Mark children to plant on May 10 from 5 – 6 pm.



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 or use this QR code to register your family today!!

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 to register as a volunteer!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

Look for our Summer Sundays and VBS Volunteer Table on May 21st 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 to register to participate and/or to donate to this event.

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED IN 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.*



GO GETTER LUNCHEON, MAY 9

The Go Getter luncheon will be held at Charro's Restaurant, 14839 Clayton Rd, Chesterfield, MO at 12 pm.

Please invite a friend and join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

Let Jan Graves or Judy Richardson know of your plans to attend.



CHURCH PICNIC & BON BOYAGE PARTY SUNDAY, MAY 21

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!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club meets May 24 @ 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.
I Peter 3:15 (The Message)

Seek examples of other writers and their faith

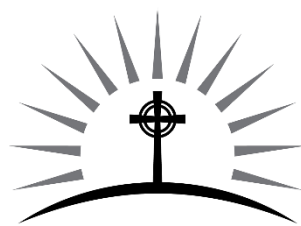
Discover how you can write about your faith experience

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!

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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Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir