



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

June 17 & 18, 2023  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

God of wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons; you reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us as Christ's faithful disciples and empower us with his good news, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

*Open My Eyes*

Robert J. Hughes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ, let us gather in the shelter of God's presence.

**Let us bless the Lord, for God has wondrously shown us steadfast love.**

God is indeed our rock and our refuge.

**God guides us and leads us.**

Into God's hands we commit our spirits, for God has redeemed us.

**Abundant is the goodness that the Lord has stored up for those who worship God!**

† HYMN

**"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**  
Verses 1, 3, 4, 6

Hymnal #687

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Three-in-One, we confess we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, nor are we aware of angels among us. We do not show hospitality to strangers as Abraham did to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. Covenant keeper, forgive us. Enable us to laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Open us with your grace that we may extend gracious hospitality to others. (Silent Confession)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

† GLORY TO GOD

Hymnal #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-8, Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

SERMON

"Laughable Possibilities"

Rev. Carol DeVaughan

† HYMN

**"O God, Who Gives Us Life"**

Hymnal #53

† 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

Beautiful Savior

Silesian Folk Song

Singers: Scott Lunte & Ethan Forte, Pianist: Jee-Hye Lee

Arr. Rob Gardner

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, we offer our gifts in gratitude for your ongoing love and abundance, for your promises always kept, for your hope in Jesus which brings us life. Use our offerings and our lives for your purposes in the world. In the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

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.

† HYMN

“Let Us Build a House”  
Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Hymnal #301

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
(Sunday Worship)

Amen  
Sing 3 times

Hymnal #600

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

*All the Heavens Tell God's Glory!*

João W. Faustina

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June**

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|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| <b>18</b> | Equal Exchange/Fairly Traded | <b>24</b> | Rise Against Hunger, 10 am |
| <b>19</b> | Prayer Circle, 9:30 am       | <b>25</b> | Youth Bowling, 1pm         |
| <b>20</b> | Yoga, 6:30 pm                | <b>28</b> | Book Club, 9:30 am         |
| <b>22</b> | Chair Exercise, 10 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 Donna Kniep "In honor of great grandson, Callen Gabriel, born on 4-24-23".

**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).



## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests you would like to share, please complete a Prayer Request form, found on the Welcome Center. You may give your form to an usher during worship on Sunday or give it to office staff during the week.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

While Pastor Dave is writing during his sabbatical, he hopes we would share the experience of writing by "seeking and discovering" our faith stories.

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

Do you have a faith story that could explain "why you are living the way you are?" You can discover one this summer.

### SEEK-DISCOVER-SHARE

We plan to **SEEK** the stories of other writers by joining a reading group.

We want to **DISCOVER** stories in our readings that help us imagine what a "faith story" sounds like. At the first and second meetings we will share examples of faith stories we have discovered by reading.

We want to **SHARE** our emerging faith stories in our own way during the rest of summer:

- read it to ourselves or a trusted friend
- share it with a group or
- share it beyond that group

Contact Bill Tucker for information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

**BOWLING**

**June 25th**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

[mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org)

**YOUTH**

## 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

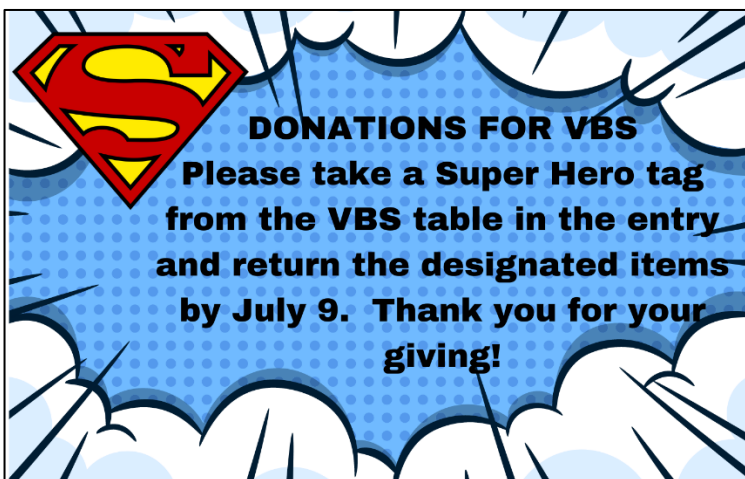


Join us for a **full week** of VBS fun as we are all called together to serve God at Hero Hotline!

Online Registration is now open for VBS! Go to



discoverstmark.org or use this QR code to register your family today!!



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

We are looking for volunteers for VBS preparation! We kick off with a VBS potluck and training on July 7. Please use this SignUpGenius link to sign up for the potluck and other VBS prep volunteer opportunities. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DA4AD2FAAF94-vbsprep2>

**We also need volunteers for Summer Sundays! Please sign up to help with Sunday School for one Sunday this summer. The sign-up sheet is on the VBS table in the Mark entry.**

## VBS MISSION PROJECTS



Our "Super Hero" mission this year for VBS is two-fold. **First**, we will have a contest between boys and girls for our ongoing, church-wide cap collection to make a picnic table for our friends at Mound Ridge Retreat Center. The group that wins the challenge for the most caps collected will be the first to go through the 75 ft obstacle course with dual slides on Friday! Pictures of acceptable caps can be found at our donation table in the foyer and we ask that you bring cleaned caps please!

**Second**, another mission opportunity is to donate personal care items: bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry detergent (64 oz or smaller) to be distributed between Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern, and diapers for Newborns in Need.

There are three clearly labeled bins under the "Super Hero" VBS table in the foyer.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### JUNE FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Boxed potato mixes & rice mixes
- Jelly & peanut butter
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Dry beans
- Kid friendly cereal
- Size 6 diapers\*



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 in Gleason Hall. 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) or use this QR code to register to participate and/or to donate to this event.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club will meet on June 28 at 9:30 am in room 102 and virtually. The book is Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly. Please contact Judy Richardson if you wish to receive a Zoom invitation.



## ABC MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 2023 ABC SALE!

Work days are July 29 – August 3 and Sale days are August 4 and 5.

Start saving your treasures! As always, the sale is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community. This is our largest fundraiser of the year to support our local mission partners. Co-Chairs: Glenn Knopf, Joyce Blackwell, Pam Ladley

## EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED



In the Narthex on June 18th

Who grows your coffee?

Small family indigenous producers in Guatemala with farms of 2.4 acres in size. These farmers specialize in five disease

resistant varieties and use no pesticides. Their environmental stewardship includes shade canopy, water, and soil management.

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

## 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.



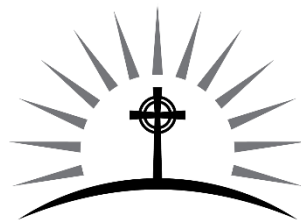
## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE IS RECRUITING!**

Are you looking for a way to contribute to keeping St. Mark in great shape? St Mark's Property Committee is actively seeking new



members to help us with maintenance of the building, preschool and grounds! Prior experience is not necessary, as we have the experts who can teach you what you need to know, and you can apply what you learn to maintaining your own home. Whether you're interested in gardening, painting, electrical work or minor construction, we can use your time and talents to keep St Mark welcoming to our current and new members. Feel free to reach out to Keith Monteith, David Sutch, Mike Vroman, Jean Steward or any other Property Committee members to understand how you can help.

*Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess*  
*Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco*  
*Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan*  
*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: Scott Lunte, Ethan Forte, Jee-Hye Lee*  
*Sunday Liturgist: Pat Eisenberg*