



**May 18, 2025**  
**Worship Bulletin**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you make all things new. Long ago, you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

John Barr

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPWARD MOMENT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord in the heavens;

**Praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;

**praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;

**praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens.

**Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

## † HYMN

**“Morning Has Broken”**

**Hymnal #664**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment and hinder your goal for humanity. Forgive us our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We continue to pray in Jesus' name. (Silent Confession)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## † GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

**Hymnal #581**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

## † HYMN

**“Though I May Speak”**

**Hymnal #693**

## SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

## SERMON

**“Upward: From Night to Light”**

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Chancel Choir

John Purifoy

## † THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Hymnal #726

## †CHARGE AND BLESSING

## †BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

Hymnal #648

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell everyone what God has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

Fanfare Postlude on "Dix"

Douglas Wagner

†In body or spirit, please rise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

- 18 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am
- 18 Capital Campaign Lunch & Learn, 11 am
- 18 VBS Volunteer Luncheon, 11 am
- 19 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 20 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 20 Man Cave Movie Night, 5:30 pm
- 21 Chancel Bells Practice, 6 pm
- 21 Chancel Choir Practice, 7 pm

- 22 Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 23 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am

### June

- 8 Capital Campaign Celebration Potluck Lunch, immediately following worship
- 15 Farewell Celebration for Pastor MP, immediately following worship
- 21 Rise Against Hunger Event, 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 available from a sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary. Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available upon request from an usher.

**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 Don and Cathy York "In honor of our twins Sam and Mia Pettitt graduating from SLU and LSU and grandson Kingston graduating from High School in Maryland."

**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).



## UPWARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LUNCH & LEARN



The Upward Capital Campaign began on Sunday, April 27. We are excited about all the possible facility improvements throughout the

campus. You are invited to discover more about the projects at a series of "Lunch and Learn" events. We will discuss the form and function of each of these improvements and answer any questions you might have. The last program will take place after worship today.

## UPWARD DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday, Day Twenty-two

"Choir Loft" – Judy Richardson

Monday, Day Twenty-three

"Rise Against Hunger" – Pastor MP

Tuesday, Day Twenty-four

"Cutting the Chalah" – Patty Gingrich

Wednesday, Day Twenty-five

"the Open Door" – Pastor Dave

Thursday, Day Twenty-six

"The Sanctuary's Ceiling Windows at St. Mark" – Sharon Cardwell

Friday, Day Twenty-seven

"The Archives" – John Northrip

Saturday, Day Twenty-eight

"Pastor Pictures in Room 102" – Sharon Tharp

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

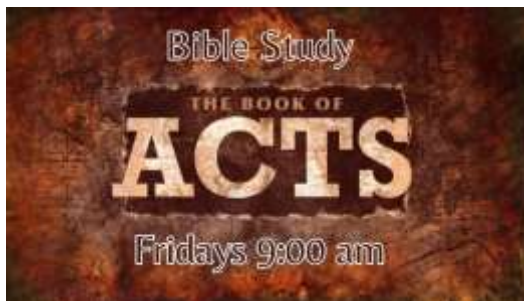
The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. Through the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults via the larger church and our own congregation.

St. Mark retains 40% of the total collected within our congregation. It is divided evenly between Presbyterian Children's Home and Services and the Isaiah 58 Back-to-School Backpack Program.

## UPDATES FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update your information. If your address or phone # has changed or you have dropped your landline, Sally Shepherd will be available after today's service to correct this information.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



**The Book of Acts.** Join us Fridays at 9:00 am as we read through and discuss the book of Acts. If you have any questions contact Pastor MP [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org).

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

St. Mark men's Bible study meets in Room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are using the book, "12 Ordinary Men", by Joe MacArther. All men are welcome and can contact Bruce Cranston for more information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



We will be taking our summer break starting in May. Keep an eye out for youth and family activities throughout the summer. Youth Wednesdays will resume in September. If you have any questions, contact pastor MP [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org) or call the church office.

## 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 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am.



### GARDEN PLANTING PARTY

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 pm for a Children's Garden Planting Party. Bring your own plant, bring a picnic or drive-thru. We will plant, play on the playground and pray for a great harvest! Susan Talley's memorial stone will be placed in front of the Children's Garden.



## VBS AT ST. MARK – JULY 14-18



You've saved the date - now it's time to write it in your calendar. You have been invited to go on the most fun and extraordinary road trip adventure ever. You won't be alone as our mascot Scout is coming along and we will learn Joshua 1:9 "The Lord your

God is with you wherever you go." We need early teams to sign up so - sign up today!



**Registration is open!** Use this QR code or go to [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) to register!



**Volunteers are also needed!** If you can help for a few days or the entire week, use this QR code or go to the St. Mark website to register!

## VBS VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY, 11 AM -12 PM

Calling all VBS volunteers to a luncheon/meeting from 11 - 12 pm immediately after the worship service. We are meeting to help answer your questions about your part in this great July Event. If you haven't already registered to volunteer online at the [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) website or via the QR code in this bulletin, it is not too late. If you would like to register by form, you can pick up a form in the front office or at the Children's and Youth table in the Narthex.



Look for our Summer Sundays and VBS Volunteer sign up on the Welcome Center. Consider giving 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 14-18 from 9 am - 12:00 pm.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### MAY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Mac -n- Cheese
- Canned Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal or Oatmeal
- Dish Soap\*



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

\*Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps.



Dave is smoking pork, and we will have all the western fixins for the meal at 5:30 pm. The movie will begin at 6:00 pm. Bring a friend and an appetite for this special event.



## SAVE THE DATE!



**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**St. Mark Meal Packing Event**

**Register and donate using the QR code**

Visit the table out in the Narthex to make a donation. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Use the QR code to register!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

St. Mark has not one, but **TWO** celebrations that you won't want to miss! On **Sunday, June 8**, we will be celebrating not only Pentecost, but also St. Mark's birthday, AND the conclusion of our Capital Campaign with a giant potluck luncheon after our worship service. The Fellowship Committee will provide grilled hot dogs and brats, and you're invited to share your favorite side dishes and desserts with one another. Fun, Fellowship, and Delicious Food are guaranteed!

Then on **Sunday, June 15**, please join us as we wish a fond farewell to MP with a reception following the church service, featuring Ted Drewes frozen custard and fresh fruit. We can't say goodbye without making sure we (and St. Louis) won't soon be forgotten, so we'll make sure to have a basket available for you to place any cards sending best wishes for MP's future ministry with a very lucky church in Ohio.

*Pastor:* Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess  
*Associate Pastor:* Rev. MP Panco  
*Dir. of Children's Ministry:* Latisha Gilliland  
*Dir. Of Claymont Preschool:* Jessie Bahr



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*Dir. of Music:* Ethan Forte  
*Accompanist & Organist:* JeeHye Lee  
*Special Music:* Chancel Choir  
*Liturgist:* Liz Oglesby