



June 22, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: “There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:29) guide us with every step. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Quest of the Holy Spirit

Daniel Paxton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Set aside your enemies—
the people, thoughts, time, and challenges—
that separate you from knowing God’s love.

Clothe yourselves in Christ.

Shout praise in his name,
and declare how much God has done for you.

† HYMN

“In Christ There Is No Easter or West”

Hymnal #318

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity. Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace. (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

† HYMN

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Hymnal #792

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON

“What Do We Do Now?”

Donna Schiro

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Book of Order, F-I.0301

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.

The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Folk Tune, translated by
Mary Elizabeth Byrne

† 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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymnal #306

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Hymnal #80

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

The Sweet By And By

Joseph P. Webster

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 23** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
19 Chair Exercise, 10 am
29 Youth Hangout – Pool Party, 4 pm

July

- 14 -18** VBS, 9 am – 12 pm daily

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.



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.

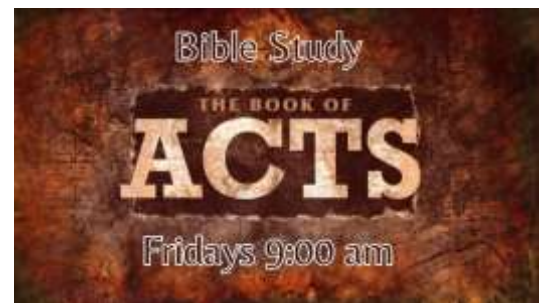
Devotional Booklets, *These Days* are available in the lobby at the 'Mark' entrance.

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 Norm and Valerie Steiner "In memory of Valerie's mother, Georgia Leonard."

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.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Keep an eye out for youth and family activities throughout the summer. Youth Wednesdays will resume in September.



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

VBS AT ST. MARK

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 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 Road Trip Donations! Please pass by our Road Trip Donation Board today in the Narthex before or after the service. You simply take one of the items off of the board and return it with the item(s) at this same location. As always, we love your support and giving heart for our kids during VBS. Your donations are appreciated and are used and recycled all year long.

VBS Work Days! Please come and join our team (even for just an hour) as we work on various "behind the scenes" projects that make our preparations for this year's VBS Road Trip a breeze. Your time and talents are so needed during this time. Many hands make light work and our church is the best when it comes to working together for good! Here are the dates and times:

- June 4, 11, 18, 25 (4-6 pm)
- Sunday, July 6 (immediately after the service to help move furniture in Sanctuary and Narthex)
- July 7-10 - Call Latisha to schedule, 10am - 12pm & 4-6pm
- July 11 - VBS potluck 5pm
- July 12 - All day
- July 13 - 12pm - 4pm

Contact Latisha at lgilliland@discoverstmark.org for scheduling and more information.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

JUNE FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Snacks (8-12 servings)
- Suncscreen*



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.

LET RECYCLE TOGETHER IN 2025 ... PLASTIC CAPS AND LIDS STILL NEEDED!

Plastic in our world is not going away anytime soon, so let's keep it out of the landfill and turn it into a new picnic table for Mound Ridge! We need:



- caps/lids of all types from food grade containers and household items up to 8" in diameter
- look for the recycle symbol with number 2, 4, or 5

Please drop off your caps and lids in the collection bin near the Youth table in the Narthex.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOKCLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, June 25, at 9:30 am. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Please contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invite to participate virtually.



LITTLE DRESS & SHORTS PROJECT

202 dresses and 6 pairs of shorts were delivered to Convoy of Hope. The totals donated so far are 3445 dresses and 57 pairs of shorts. Thank you, St. Mark!!

UPWARD Capital Campaign Progress Update

As of June 17, 2025:



We've received financial commitments of \$1,301,966 of our \$1,700,00 goal!



ABC Sale August 1 & 2

Workdays: July 27-31

100% of Net Proceeds to Local Mission Partners!

YES, PLEASE!

- items typically sold at a thrift store
- donation receipts will be available during drop-off hours
- snacks, cookies, and quick breads to "fuel" our volunteers
- **Drop off donations July 27-July 30**
- Want to volunteer?— Contact ABC Sale Co-Chairs: Joyce Blackwell, Pam Ladley

SORRY, NO THANK YOU ...

- large furniture, large appliances, TVs (Doesn't fit in a compact SUV...it's a NO!)
- encyclopedias or magazines
- car seats, highchairs, or cribs
- Christmas trees
- hazardous waste (even if unopened): such as paint, chemicals, oil, household cleaners

Workdays: July 27 thru July 31

Sale Days: August 1 & 2

Start saving your treasures! As always, the sale is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community. This is the primary fundraiser to support our local mission partners. Interested in volunteering? Contact Joyce Blackwell or Pam Ladley, Co-Chairs.

Circle of Concern
FOOD PANTRYST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CIRCLE OF CONCERN'S 19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

at Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka, MO

\$39,000 RAISED – THANK YOU!

Circle of Concern would like to thank
St. Mark Presbyterian Church for making our
annual golf tournament a huge success!

Thanks to your time and support, this event raised \$39,000,
which surpasses our most recent years, and will directly
benefit our food pantry and other client programs.
We are truly grateful for this continued partnership!

[VIEW A RECAP OF THE EVENT AT CIRCLEOFCONCERN.ORG](http://CIRCLEOFCONCERN.ORG)



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. Of Claymont Preschool: Jessie Bahr
Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte

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