



**July 13, 2025**  
**Worship Bulletin**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Merciful God, I really do want you to be the one in whom I live and move and have my being. I really do want to listen to your voice above all of the other voices in my life. But I get bogged down in the daily routine. Help me to remember who I am in Christ. Help me to remember who you are. Help me make the church what the church is supposed to be. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Mark Hayes

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

**We have heard of this hope!**

Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

**We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.**

Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

**We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

**Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!**

## † HYMN

**"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

**Hymnal #203**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Merciful God, your love is steadfast, and your mercy endures forever. Forgive us for not loving as you love. Forgive us for the ways and words we've used to oppress your people and help us to forgive those who've oppressed us. Forgive us for the deeds that we've done that have burdened instead of uplifted the hearts and minds of those we've encountered. Forgive us for silence during times of injustice and free us to rise and advocate for those who live under the leadership of unjust rulers, who live in a state of turmoil and depression. Help us to reconcile and make peace with one another. Help us to bear one another's burdens and to be agents of your liberating love so that all of your people will be able to live justly. We confess our sins before you silently now, knowing that you are willing to able to cleanse and revive us through Christ's resurrecting power.**

(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

**"What Is the World Like"**

**Hymnal #771**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

## SERMON

**"The Bad Ditch"**

Donna Schiro

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

OFFERTORY

Peace Like a River (with Amazing Grace)  
Nina Collier, Lisa Marsh, & Amy Shelton

Traditional Spiritual arranged  
by Joel Raney

† **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**

**“God of the Sparrow”**

**Hymnal #22**

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

**“You Shall Go Out with Joy”**

**Hymnal #80**

**RESPONSE**

**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 Joyful Trumpet*

Gene Clarke

† In body or spirit, please rise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

- 13** Equal Exchange in the Narthex  
**14 - 18** VBS, 9 am – 12 pm daily  
**27 - 31** ABC Sale work days

### August

- 1-2** ABC Sale, 8 am  
**3** Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 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 main 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 Hugh and Linda Smith, "In celebration of the birth of their first great-granddaughter, Alice Michelle Schooler on June 12th in Omaha, Nebraska". Parents are their Granddaughter Hailey and her husband Eddie Schooler.

**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:

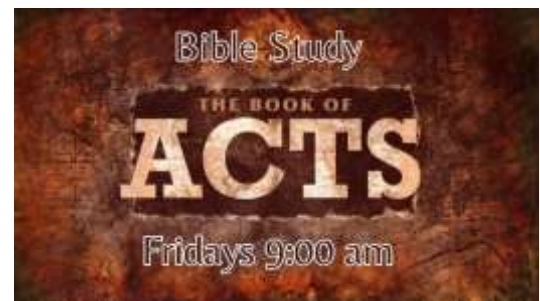
**In-person:** During Sunday Worship Service

**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](https://discoverstmark.org).



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Bible Study continues through the summer months under the leadership of Donna Schiro. We meet on Friday mornings at 9 am in Room 102. Come and be a part of the fun and fellowship, in person or via Zoom, as we study God's Word.



Everyone is invited to join us for this All-Church education opportunity. You might be new to the faith, or you might have attended for years and still have questions. Pastor Dave will lead a five-week study of the essentials of the Christian faith, the Reformed Tradition, and the Presbyterian Church. This is an excellent opportunity to build and strengthen faith. Everyone is welcome and childcare will be provided. Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions.



## 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 – 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.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### JULY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Mac-n-Cheese
- Canned Chicken and Sardines
- Peanut butter
- Laundry Detergent\*



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries. Please place your donations on the mission table outside the church office. \*Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps.

### EQUAL EXCHANGE

In the Narthex on July 13

**St. Mark – Top 100 Organization!!!**



Every time we serve Equal Exchange coffee at St Mark or sell

Equal Exchange products we are making a strong statement about our values. We are proclaiming that our congregation believes that it's vital to keep small farmers on the land providing food for their families and having some economic control over their lives; that it's important to work with indigenous producers and women; that sustainable agricultural methods are a vital way to address climate change.

Cash, Credit, Debit, Digital Wallet Payments Accepted.



## 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.



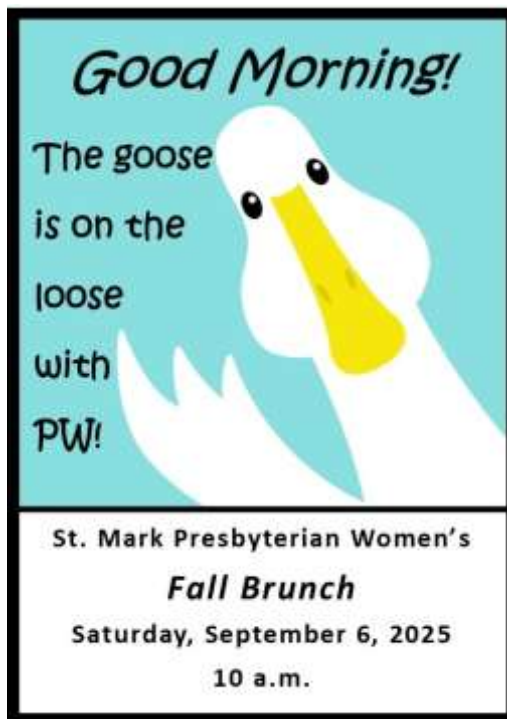
## DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG?

If you need a new nametag, an order will be placed soon. The cost is \$10. Please complete a name tag form, found in the church mailbox marked Name Tags and give a check to office staff or place in the drop box in the Pastors' Hallway.

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Ritual of Friendship pads are located at the end of each pew in the sanctuary. Please sign your name and pass to the person sitting next to you during worship. Attendance is important so please sign in to help keep our records up to date.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



## A SPECIAL SUMMER TREAT!

On Friday, August 8, pack a picnic along with your favorite beverages and comfy lawn chairs, and come prepared to be thoroughly entertained by Mark Reynoso and his Jazz Quartet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on St. Mark's upper parking lot. The weather may be hot, but the music is guaranteed to be "COOL"...mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a great night!



# 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.

## **ANOTHER WAY TO HELP WITH THE ABC SALE!**

The "ABC Café" would love to share your home baked cookies, brownies and quick breads with our amazing volunteers! We are also hoping to use up all of the odds and ends paper products in our kitchen and from your home! If you have paper plates, cups or napkins from a party that are leftover, we would love to use them up for you!! Please deliver baked goods and paper products to the kitchen clearly marked "ABC SALE" on Sunday, July 27.

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



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*Dir. of Music:* Ethan Forte  
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*Special Music:* Nina Collier, Lisa Marsh, Amy  
Shelton  
*Liturgist:* Jack Carter