



Worship Bulletin
May 10, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. Amen.

PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God!

Marc Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.

Our praise is continually of you.

† HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal #643

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

“God, How Can We Forgive”

Hymnal #445

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

“Sitting in the Wrong Seat”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 19

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OFFERTORY

The Lord is My Light
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**

"My Lord! What a Morning"

Hymnal #352

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

"Christ Is Alive"

Hymnal #246

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

POSTLUDE

The Whole Armor of God

Todd Kendall

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

10 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

11 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

12 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

12 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm

13 Chancel Bell & Choir Practice, 6 pm & 7 pm

14 Chair Exercise. 10 am

15 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

17 Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic, 10 am

18 Circle of Concern Golf Tournament

19 PW Mission Trip Informational Meeting, 6 pm

24 Pentecost & Capital Campaign Celebration

24 Senior Graduation Recognition

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Norm & Valery Steiner in honor of Amanda and Sarah's birthdays. Cathy & Don York also donated flowers in honor of our granddaughter, Katie Pettitt, who is graduating May 17 from Holy Cross University with an RSN in nursing.

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 door at the office entrance and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

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.



UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please email your changes to Patty at the Church Office pgingrich@discoverstmark.org or call the church office.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Sundays at 8:50 am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will begin a new study exploring the Holy Spirit. We will be using The Promise of The Holy Spirit by Paul Balius. We meet in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30. All are welcome!

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday at 9:30am in Room 102 or via Zoom

Friday, May 15, we will relax a bit and play Bible Trivia! We're all going to bring white elephant gifts from home to use for prizes. We will not meet on May 22 because of the holiday weekend. We will begin a new study about Christian Empathy on May 29. No book purchase required. Plan now to join us for our Summer Session!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Join us Sunday May 24th to celebrate and recognize graduating high school and college seniors! All graduates will receive a Bible as a gift from the St. Mark family as they venture on to the next step of their journeys. If you have a child that is graduating, please contact the church office to ensure that we recognize all of our 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 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

Use this QR code to sign in for Sunday School. Scan the code to access the attendance form and enter the required information. We ask that you have your student registered before Time With Children so that we can contact you via text in the event that you are needed.



The registration deadline is July 6! Go to discoverstmark.org to register today!



Here's a great visual of our VBS egg carton igloo! One of the VBS fun activities will be building this egg carton igloo – please donate all of your egg cartons (it doesn't matter what material or color). If you can, please take off any labels. This is a great way to recycle as the Easter egg coloring comes closer. Please leave cartons in the Narthex under the Children and Youth table.

MISSION AT ST. MARK



MEAL PACKING EVENT – JUNE 20 AT 10 AM

Let's fight hunger together. Individuals, families, kids, everyone can do this. Can't stand long or need to sit? There is a place for you! Over the last 3 years we have packaged 15,000 nutritious meals each year. This year our stretch goal is to package 17,000 meals and we can do it with your help. Donate for meals delivered where they are most needed. Each meal cost about 45 cents each, you can donate \$50 and pay for over 100 meals!



Sign up to volunteer or donate using the QR code. Your support is greatly appreciated.

MAY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned chicken
- Rice
- Sugar, 1lb bags
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent, no larger than 50 oz.



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.



EQUAL EXCHANGE & FAIRLY TRADED

In the Narthex on May 10

Several Equal Exchange products can be used in baking treats for your mother this Mother's Day. Visit our table and stock up! All products are fair trade and organic, supporting regenerative agriculture and small farmers. Thank you for your support.

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted



Mark your calendars! **Sunday, May 17**, our St. Mark community will be worshipping outdoors at Wildwood Community Park, with our annual PICNIC occurring

right after the service. We'll provide the hot dogs, brats, burgers and drinks, and we invite you to bring lawn chair and your favorite side dishes or desserts to share with one another. Because there won't be electrical outlets available, please refrain from bringing anything that needs to be heated up. Directions to the park are available at the Welcome Center.



Spots are still available!

Email circle@circleofconcern.org for more information!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOKCLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet May 27 to discuss the book, *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.



LORD'S DAY 19

Q50. Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

A. Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church,¹ the one through whom the Father rules all things.²

1. Eph. 1:20–23 – “he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

Eph. 5:23 – “For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.”

Col. 1:18 – “And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

2. Matt. 28:18 – “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

John 5:22 – “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,”

Q51. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members.¹ Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.²

1. Eph. 4:10 – “He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.”

2. Ps. 2:9 – “You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.

Ps. 110:1–2 – “The Lord says to my lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’ The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, ‘Rule in the midst of your enemies!’”

John 10:28 – “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

Eph. 4:8 – “This is why it says: ‘When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’”

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1. Luke 21:28 – “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Rom. 8:23, 33 – “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.” “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.”

Phil. 3:20 – “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,”

Titus 2:13 – “while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,”

2. 2 Thess. 1:6–7 – “God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

1 Thess. 4:16 – “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Matt. 25:41 – “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

3. Matt. 25:34 – “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’”

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