



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

March 19 & 20
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

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God of light and God of night, creator of seed and mountain, raindrop and fountain, we bring our offering of praise. God of right and God of might, lover of child and childless, rich and homeless, we bring our offering of praise. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Introduction, Pastorale and Trumpet Tune
on "Angel's Story"

Freudenburg (2002)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

† HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal #65

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that can never satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

(Children 5th grade and younger may leave to attend Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

SERMON

"Taking Up Space"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The 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.

OFFERING

Lenten Prayer
Chancel Choir

Pergolesi/Liebergen

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

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**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Hymnal #418

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**
(Sunday Worship)

“Shalom, chaverim”
See last page of bulletin

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Ricercare per Organo

Arresti (1650-1719)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

March 27 Youth Hangout, TBD

March 30 Reclaiming Sabbath, 6-7 pm

April 2 Troop 631 Lawn Mower Tune Up, 9 am–3 pm

April 9 Children’s Musical, 5 pm

April 9 Bunco, 6-9 pm

April 10 Jerusalem Festival, 11 am-12 pm

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.

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.

Listening devices are also available and may be picked up from the sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary.

January/February/March *These Days* devotional booklets are 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 for the Sanctuary are donated by Judy Richardson "In loving memory of my mother, Arlene Hanks (3/13/1928)."



St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We encourage you to order one or more lilies to brighten your home or to be delivered to a homebound member as a tangible reminder of their spiritual connection to St Mark. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. A portion of this year's Easter lily cost will go to our mission partners. If you have any questions, contact Kay Merz.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to St. Mark, we have several convenient and easy ways to do this:

In-person: An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the 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, **OR** go to:



[www.discoverstmark.org/
giving/make-an-on-line-
donation-to-st-mark/](http://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Special Offering occurs during Lent—it started at St. Mark with the Ash Wednesday service on March 2. It provides funds for Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), and the Self Development of People (32%). These funds are used in over 100 countries worldwide. Use the designated envelope in your packet, or you can simply indicate OGHS on your check.

What if these were the days when Jesus was living with us? What if this were the moment God chose to connect?

Where would we find Jesus? Here, in our congregation? Look around. Or in our neighborhoods?

What if this is the time? What if this is the place?

Our faith proclaims that God connects in every place and in each person bearing God's image. Our faith proclaims that God is among us, and that Jesus can be found among those most precious to God, those neighbors experiencing hunger, oppression or lack, even now, even among us.

One Great Hour of Sharing connects us with people coming together to respond to the needs in their neighborhoods and worldwide. It is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and unite with congregations in every corner of the Church and with partners all over the world.

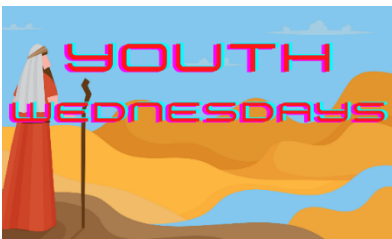
Reclaiming Sabbath

March 30, 6-7 PM



Do you feel like there are never enough hours in the day? Are you threadbare and running on empty? Do you long for rest, recovery, and renewal? Pastor Dave is leading a two-week class on **RECLAIMING SABBATH** in our lives. God created human beings not only to work but also to rest. When we allow ourselves to take a break, we discover holy ground all around us. We will also discuss Pastor Dave's three-month sabbatical plans for the summer of 2023 and ways for the church to thrive during this time. The first meeting is **Wednesday, March 30 from 6:00-7:00 PM**, and everyone is invited. Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 23, as this is Spring Break for our Youth.

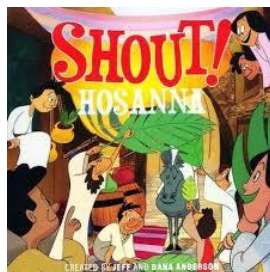


Due to Spring Break, this event may be postponed. Stay tuned for updates!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Saturday, April 9, during 5pm worship service in the Sanctuary!



CHILDREN'S LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE

St. Mark children are challenging the congregation to

support the Lenten Water Challenge. There is a "well" in the Narthex for the children of the congregation to donate their coins which will be added to donations made by the church members.



APRIL 10, 11 am - 12 pm

Come and experience a 1st century Jerusalem marketplace! Visit a Jewish temple, shop in the local market, visit the petting zoo, and more!

If you would like to help by donating food items for our festival, please visit the Welcome Center, pick up a food card item and return by the date on the back of the card.



JULY 18-20 VBS – SAVE THE DATE!
It will be a Splash'n Good Time!!

MISSION AT ST. MARK

ADULT MISSION TRIP JULY 10-16, SPIRIT LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

Mission trip activities include light construction and summer day camp support. Contact Joyce Blackwell if you are interested in participating.



FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

During March, we are collecting the following items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58:



- Boxed Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly / Jam
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Sardines



Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. You may also write a check indicating the mission partner(s) on the memo line.

LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE



You are encouraged to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent. Giving up the morning trip to Starbucks or the evening glass of wine might be a tall task for some, but it will help us

comprehend how much money we spend on beverages.

Moreover, we can use the money we save to support Marion Medical Mission in building more wells in Africa. We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET PROJECT

In 2021, congregational gifts provided over 183,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by natural disasters and other crises. PW will be collecting donations for CWS through March. Please look for the CWS envelopes in the pews. You can support this mission with cash or checks payable to St. Mark with the notation CWS Blankets.



NEWBORNS IN NEED

One heart one mission

PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of **April**. Donations of new and gently used clothing items (sizes up to 6 months), blankets, wipes, and diapers are especially needed. Donated items may be placed in the Pac n Play in the Narthex in **April**. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks may be mailed to Newborns in Need c/o Judy Giovanoni, 461 Bluff Meadow Dr., Ellisville, MO 63021. Please contact Shirley Boeker or Louise Grothe for more information.

WANTED: BUNCO PLAYERS!



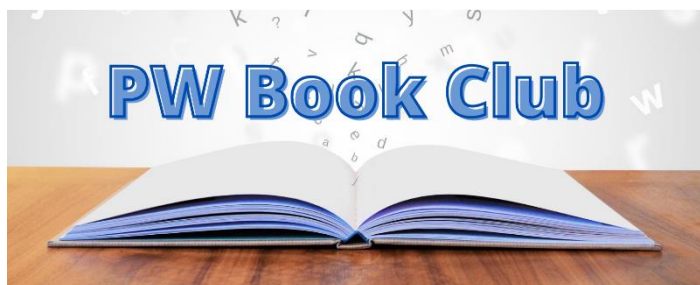
Saturday, April 9
6:00 - 9:00 PM

- ✓ Must know how to toss dice.
- ✓ Must know how to add to 21
- ✓ Must be able to recognize 3 of a kind
- ✓ Must be willing to have a good time!

Knowing how to have a good laugh is *required!*

We will start rolling at 6 pm and the fun doesn't stop until 9 pm. Plan to join us in the Narthex for a fun evening!

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club meets March 23 at 9:30AM, virtually and in Room 102. We are reading *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. Lee Berger is presenting the true story of Virginia Hall, who almost singularly started the French Resistance in France during WWII. The story is true and the movie "A Call to Spy" is available on Showtime which also tells the story



Join Us For Mound Ridge's Annual Spring Fundraiser!

Saturday, April 9th from 12 pm to 3 pm at Maison Du Lac - 2603 Wild Plum Valley Road, Catawissa, MO 63069. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes lunch.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards Mound Ridge's mission to provide a "discounted or cost free" camp experience to over 180 underserved children. Go to <https://moundridge.org/> to learn more.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN 16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Volunteers are needed for May 23 and are welcome to work a morning, afternoon or all day shift. No golf experience is needed. Training will be available at St. Mark prior to the event. Help is needed on the day of the event with:

- registering golfers
- collecting contest funds
- handing out breakfast sandwiches and hot dogs
- beverage distribution
- hole-in-one monitors
- clubhouse setup
- volunteer relief

Small tents will be set up for sun protection for those working outside, along with plenty of volunteer relief. Contact Bob Stewart for more information.

TROOP 631



Get ready for spring and let Boy Scout Troop 631 tune up your lawnmower!

When: Saturday, April 2nd from 9AM—3PM

Where: Parking Lot of Rick's Ace Hardware—Ellisville, (15870 Clayton Road at the Intersection of Clayton and Clarkson)

Cost: FREE! (Donations Gladly Accepted)

Services Included: Oil change, spark plug service (cleaning, re-gapping; replacement if necessary), air filter service (cleaning, replacement if necessary), blade sharpening, mower deck cleaning. Walk behind mowers only (no riders or zero-turns). Mower must start at the time of check-in.

All proceeds to offset the cost of summer camp.



Shalom, chaverim

Hebrew Blessing

Sh - lom, cha-ver-rim! Sha - lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha - lom, sha -

lom! Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.

The image shows a musical score for the Hebrew blessing "Shalom, chaverim". It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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*Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley
Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso
Sunday Choir Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee
Sunday Liturgist: Kim Michel
Sunday Special Music: Chancel Choir*