



ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

August 9, 2020

10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures off the map of our plans, to paths we do not know, and to holy encounters with strangers along life's road. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Anon

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare the glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

† HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we desire many things contrary to your will. You set us free from sin and offer us abundant life, but we return to familiar routines that harm our neighbors and ourselves. We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done and what we have left undone. Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures and help us to love at all times. Forgive us and renew us. We continue to pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13-15

SERMON

“Free and Clear”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism, Question One

Q. What is our chief end?

A. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take My Life and Let It Be
Soloist: Christine Polak

Hayes

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

† **HYMN**

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged”

Hymnal #661

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Hymnal #853

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Burke

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

*Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeV Vaughan
Dir. of Children’s Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve
Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley
Musician: Mark Reynoso
Choir Accompanist: Jee Hye Lee
Children’s Choir Director: Sarah Vlodek*

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*Our website is your online resource for the church calendar, blog, video,
and employment opportunities. Please make sure to bookmark it and check in regularly.*

WAYS TO GIVE: As we all adjust to this new normal the Finance Committee is making a request of everyone to maintain their level of giving to St. Mark. As a church we have agreed to continue paying all of our full-time staff. In addition, regular bills still arrive and need to be paid. We also want to support our mission partners. To that end it is important that we all commit to making our contributions. They can be mailed to the church or paid online. There will be a link provided at another time on how to set up online giving. Please note that mailed checks will take longer to process than usual. If you wish for your donation to go to a specific area please note that on the check memo line. With all of this said please know at this time we are keeping up with our obligations but we want to be able to continue with all of our efforts. We appreciate your ongoing support of the work of our church.

<https://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/>

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: St. Mark and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive on August 16th from 8:30 – 1:30 pm in Gleason Hall at 601 Claymont Dr. Ballwin, MO. We urge donors of all blood types to give blood and support patients fighting cancer, undergoing transplant surgeries and facing other serious illnesses. Please help us help others by making an appointment today at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/Donate/Blood> and enter: Saintmarkpres .

Give blood in August to discover your COVID-19 Antibody Status. For a limited time, the American Red Cross will test all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to our donors. This testing may provide critical insight into whether donors may have possibly been exposed to this coronavirus. The Red Cross is committed to helping others in meaningful ways during this pandemic. An antibody test screens for antibodies in your blood, which are formed when fighting an infection, like COVID-19. An antibody test assesses whether your immune system has responded to the infection, not if the virus is currently present. The COVID-19 antibody test is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. The results of your antibody test will be available by logging in to your Blood Donor account on the [Blood Donor App](#) or [online](#) about 7 to 10 days after your donation.



**"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."
Psalms 5:3**

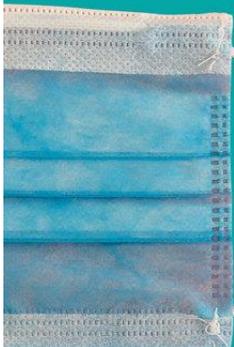
You are invited to join fellow members of St. Mark for a "Spiritual Sunrise Stroll," a self-paced walk (or run) through the St. Mark parking lot. For the next six weeks, we will meet on Friday morning promptly at 6 am at the Cross in front of the Church. We will begin our morning with prayer. At 6:25 am we will meet at the Cross for a closing prayer. Walking buddies are welcome: those with two feet & those with four feet on a leash. During our stroll, we are all asked to adhere to social distancing rules. Please join us on Friday. * **WEATHER PERMITTING.**

STOP THE
SPREAD
BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY

THE BUILDING
WILL BE ACCESSIBLE
ON THESE DAYS:
TUES. & THURS.
10AM - 2PM

Building access is by appointment only. The number of visitors will be limited. Failure to get prior appointment may prevent you from accessing the building.

Please email your request for an appointment and reason for your visit to smpoffice@discoverstmark.org



Wearing a mask is
MANDATORY for
entering the building

Social Distancing
of a minimum
of 6ft is required



If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or been around anyone who has COVID-19, you are asked to stay home for the safety of other visitors and staff.