



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

June 7, 2020
10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of courage, you gave Esther the strength to speak out and the intelligence she needed to save her people. Help us to believe you are still present and active in the world and that your grace remains as an everlasting force in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who promises to be with us always. Amen.

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

Sprunger

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30

You have turned our sorrow into dancing.
You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.
Our souls praise you. They will not be silent.
O Lord my God, we will give thanks to you for ever.
Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation together.

† HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymnal #307

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often exclude those we are called to love, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive us our need to reject and those times we are on the lookout for things that divide. Give us your eyes, O Holy God, that we might see your creation with unconditional love and compassion. It is in your most powerful name we pray. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

SCRIPTURE

Esther 4

SERMON

“For Such a Time as This”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed (Confirmation Students)

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bless Us Now This Day
Chris Polak, soloist

Wagner

† THE DOXOLOGY

† HYMN

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal #510

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread & Cup
Prayer after Communion

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sing: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Hymnal #541

SENDING

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is labeled 'Unison' and 'Harmony'. The lyrics are: 1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov-ing coun-sels; 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; un-seen wings pro-; 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils; 4 God be with you till we meet a-gain; keep love's ban-ner. The second system continues the lyrics: guide, up-hold you, with a shep-herd's care en-fold you; tect-ing hide you, dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; thick con-found you, put un-fail-ing arms a-round you; float-ing o'er you; smite death's threat-ening wave be-fore you. The third system is labeled 'Unison' and the lyrics are: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

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POSTLUDE

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Wilson

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

Liturgist: Amelia Burgess

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess

Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco

Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan

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. This includes our preschool teachers who are still sending out lessons and making connections with their students. 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/>

PER CAPITA SPECIAL OFFERING-2020: As Presbyterians one of the ways we support the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is through our annual **Per Capita** giving. Our commitment for this year is **\$31.00 per church member**. For example, if there are two adult church members and one confirmed child (i.e.: three members in your household), your total giving would be \$93.00. We encourage all church members to pay their share using the "per capita" envelope in your pledge envelopes, use an envelope in the pew (once we are back to the sanctuary for church), or mail a check to the church office with "**per capita**" on the memo line. The total commitment by St. Mark for 2020 is \$18,321, and any funds not received from our members will be expensed from our church operating budget. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA) system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing these functions should be shared by everyone as well. The funds are divided to support the operations of Presbytery (66%), the Synod (8%) and General Assembly (26%). We appreciate your support of this very important part of our commitment to make St. Mark a strong voice of God's work.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. In times of crisis, St. Mark is again fortunate to witness the best of humanity as many members rolled up a sleeve to help those in need by donating their blood on May 21st and May 22nd. Fifty-nine units of blood were collected and eight first time donors signed up. One first time donor was the 16 year old son of a frequent donor. He stated that "he wanted to give back to the community like he has seen his mother do so many times".

Always remember that your donation helps patients undergoing emergency and lifesaving surgeries, new mothers and children facing complications from childbirth, and those fighting injury and illness. The Red Cross and the Deacon's Health and Wellness Committee appreciate your willingness to come give blood and share your health with the most vulnerable among us during these difficult times. The coronavirus pandemic has caused many uncertainties in our world, but patients and the Red Cross are thankful that we could count on you to answer the call to help.

St. Mark has two more blood drives on our 2020 calendar. Please mark the dates of Sunday, August 16th and Sunday, October 25th on your calendar.