



ST. MARK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope, allow our lament with space to seek you, that we may not forget that your steadfast love never ceases and your Spirit forever flows. Amen.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**Lord, hear my voice!**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

My soul waits for the Lord – more than those who watch for the morning.

**Lord, hear our voices!**

† HYMN

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Hymnal #792

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be your faithful servants. In Christ's 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

Lamentations I

SERMON

“Lonesome Town”

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

### † THE DOXOLOGY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN

*My Life Flows On*

Hymnal #821

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

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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**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.

## **MISSIONS AT ST. MARK**

**ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES:** Please direct your attention to Isaiah 58’s new Mission Moment Video! Since many churches who support Isaiah 58 Ministries are meeting digitally right now, the organization has put together a short (2 min!) video to pass along to their supporting churches. “While we can’t gather in person, we want you to know that your mission partners are still with you!”

<https://i58ministries.org/april-2020-mission-moment/>