



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Past, Present, and Future God, Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, help us to remember home and to hope in the promised land, that we might know you, Alpha and Omega, Three in One. Amen.

PRELUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehoval*

Hegarty

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

By the rivers of Babylon – there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

**How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?**

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

**Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you,**

If I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

† HYMN

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1, 2, 6, 7)**

Hymnal #88

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving, but we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided and displaced people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world.**

**Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. (Silent Confession)**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:4-14

SERMON

“Out of Place”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Question One

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

OFFERING

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

† **HYMN**

*I Will Come to You*

**Hymnal #177**

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Call of the Trumpets*

Purcell

†*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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*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.

## **MISSIONS AT ST. MARK**

### **No-Contact Food Drive for Isaiah 58 Ministries**

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

**1:00-3:00 PM – St. Mark Parking Lot**

Isaiah 58 Ministries is currently providing food to over 1000 families each month in a safe and efficient manner during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, without regular food collections by supporting congregations, Isaiah 58 is quickly running through their stores of food.

To replenish their rapidly depleting supplies, Isaiah 58 is hosting a no-contact (trunk to trunk) food collection at centrally located sites throughout the city. People can drop off donations without ever having to leave their car.

***The St. Mark parking lot will be a satellite collection location on Sunday, May 17th, 1:00-3:00 PM.***

Most needed food items are:

- \* peanut butter
- \* macaroni and cheese
- \* canned pasta sauce
- \* canned chili
- \* beef stew
- \* instant oatmeal packets

Feel free to share this information with others you think would have an interest in participating. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Joyce Blackwell or Jean Steward.

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