



ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you commanded us not to be afraid and assured us of your presence. In the midst of trials and joys, sorrows and dreams may we know your presence and rejoice. Grant us courage, O God, to take delight in your spirit in all times and all places. Grant us faith, O God, to see the myriad of ways you give life. Grant us hope, O God, to participate in your work in the world. Grant us love, O God, to welcome, respond, and act with compassion in all we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jubilant March

Reynolds

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who remembers the way things once were?

Take courage, children of God.

Continue in good works, for I am with you says the Lord of hosts.

Take courage, children of God.

The God of exodus and exile is calling us back.

Take courage, children of God.

God's Spirit abides with us, so we will not fear!

† HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal #35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence, we ignored your aid, your comfort, your peace, and your promise. We called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

SCRIPTURE

Haggai 1:1-12

SERMON

“When We Get Back”

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Amy Shelton, soloist

arr. Larson

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

† **HYMN**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Hymnal #435

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord

Smith

†*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

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/>