



ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

September 20, 2020
10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you give us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Partita on LAND OF REST

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

† HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Hymnal #667

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. We continue to pray in Jesus name. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

“Fair Is Fair”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

He’s Always Been Faithful
Patty Livesay and Carolyn McBee

Groves

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

† **HYMN**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Hymnal #700

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“I’m Gonna SHARE So God Can Use Me”

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Dialogue

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†*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
Liturgist: Monica Buckley*

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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/>

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING 2020

This offering works around the world in communities in conflict. Here in St. Louis a portion of the offering goes to Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services which offers a continuum of care for youth—transitional living services for youth leaving foster care, mentoring, and intensive in-home care for families in crisis. Annually over 2,000 clients are served. Give generously to assist with this work.

Congregational Meeting September 27, 2020—Virtual

Following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on September 27, 2020, there will be a virtual (via Zoom) Congregational Meeting to elect officers and to amend the Bylaws to allow St. Mark to conduct meetings virtually.

The link for the Zoom meeting will be provided on Friday, September 25 via email to members. Once the YouTube worship service has ended, each individual will need to access their email for the Zoom link and meeting. We need a minimum of 58 members to have a quorum.

Agenda for the Congregational Meeting

The proposed change to St. Mark Bylaws:

- ... It is moved that St. Mark Bylaws, Article V, #7 read:
Meetings of St. Mark Presbyterian congregation, session, and committees should ordinarily be face-to-face. Telephone conference calls and electronic communications may be used for stated or called meetings, including voting on matters therein, unless a simple majority of the body requests a face-to-face meeting. Meetings held by conference call or electronically abide by the same policies and procedures as a face-to-face meeting.

The 2020 Nominating Committee (Patty Livesay and Cathy York, elders; Gregg Eisenberg, deacon; and Bruce Cranston, Alanah Feagan, Brian Hostetler, Julie Northrip and Jean Steward) presents the following slate of officers:

Elders—Class of 2023

Jason Neal
Clayton Douglas
Kim Michel
Joyce Blackwell

Class of 2021

Elizabeth Peterson

Endowment

Jerry Dressel

Deacons—Class of 2023

Wendy Phipps
Robyn Mikes
Michelle Rochow
Karl D'Arcy
Ryan Melter
Alex Lambie

Class of 2021

Alanah Feagan

Nominating 2021

Ellen Hynes
Becky Pierce
Roger Stoll
Scott Collier
Amelia Burgess

** Nomination Bios attached in separate document which was emailed with the bulletin.*

ST. MARK HUNGER MISSION PARTNER DONATION COLLECTION

Benefiting Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 - Sunday, September 27, 1-3PM St. Mark Parking Lot

Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern have remained open serving those whose needs have only increased during the pandemic. Unfortunately, many of Circle's and Isaiah's supporting partners closed their facilities and have remained closed. This has significantly impacted the amount of in-kind donations received. As a result, there is a growing need for basic food and hygiene products. On Sunday, September 27th, from 1-3PM, St. Mark will host a no contact drive through donation collection. Items received will be split between Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 based on agency need/priorities.

MOST CRITICAL ITEMS:

- FOOD: canned vegetables, peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, oatmeal, rice
- HYGIENE: toilet paper, laundry detergent, bar soap, shampoo, lotion

Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern are most grateful for St. Mark's past and current support through your gifts of time, talent, and treasures. Hope to see you on the 27th! With gratitude, St. Mark Mission Committee

Circle of Concern

112 St. Louis Avenue
Valley Park, MO 63088
Phone: (636) 861-2623
<http://www.circleofconcern.org/>

Isaiah 58 Ministries

2149 S. Grand Blvd.
Saint Louis, MO 63104
Phone: 314-776-1410
<https://i58ministries.org/>



For where two or three gather in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20

We will begin to meet at **7:00 AM**. Join other members of St. Mark for early morning fellowship and a self-paced walk through the St. Mark parking lot. We meet promptly at the start time by the Cross in front of the Church and begin with a devotional. At 7:25 AM we again meet at the Cross for a closing prayer. **Those members wishing to continue their morning walk are encouraged to do so after the closing pray.** One stroll around the perimeter of our church property equals one-third of a mile. Walking buddies are welcome: those with two feet and those with four feet on a leash. Please join us on Fridays. **WEATHER PERMITTING**

....and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together,, but encouraging one another. Hebrews 10: 24-25

FEELING DISCONNECTED?

St. Mark has a long history of strong small group ministry, but it has been several years since we started new groups. We feel it is especially important to provide opportunities to connect during the age of COVID. We will start forming new groups in September, and **we want you to join us**. Please contact the church office at smpoffice@discoverstmark.org if you are interested, and we will work on kicking off these new small groups in the very near future.

LITTLE DRESSES

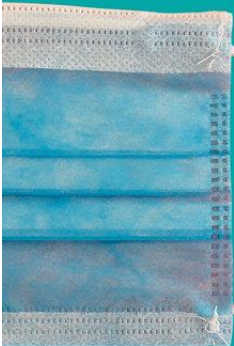
Pick up a kit to make Little Dresses in the lobby Tuesday or Thursday between 10am – 2pm. No appointment is necessary if you are just picking up items or dropping a completed dress off. Contact Sherry Naylor for more information.

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.