



**A WONDER-FULL LIFE WORSHIP SERIES**  
Looking at Money and Meaning

*LOOKING BACK, LOOKING IN,  
LOOKING OUT, LOOKING WITH GRATITUDE*

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."  
John 10:10b*

**November 3 — "Looking Back"**

**Today — "Looking In"**

**November 17 — "Looking Out"**

6pm Church Conference Potluck

**November 24 — "Looking With Gratitude"**

Thanks-Giving Sunday

2020 Giving Estimates Received

Church Family Brunch

5pm: Hanging of the Greens

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**  
November 10, 2019, 9:30 am

Please read aloud the **bold text**.  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

## GATHERING: COMPASSION

As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we illumine a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey. We ask God to give us fresh perspectives that can shift any "dis-ease" that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other, because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP "Illuminating the Shadows"

*Singing:*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

*Speaking:*

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,  
**there is understanding;**  
where there is understanding,  
**there is compassion;**  
where there is compassion,  
**there is possibility;**  
where there is possibility;  
**there is transformation.**

Holy and Living God,  
transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.

**Open us to this light,  
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us  
for a "wonder-full" life. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal (UMH) 400

WELCOME

Pastor Joe Payne

\*PASSING THE PEACE  
"A Wonder Full Life, v. 1

## A Wonder Full Life

Two-part round

① **Easy, flowing** ♩ = 92

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with lyrics: "To be full of love, to be full of grace, Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing o - thers grace,". The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with lyrics: "to be full of peace is a won-der full life. giv-ing o - thers peace is a won-der full life.".

To be full of love, to be full of grace,  
Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing o - thers grace,

to be full of peace is a won-der full life.  
giv-ing o - thers peace is a won-der full life.

## PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

*We become curious—full of “wonder-ing.” We further transform our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to know more about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.*

### INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S READING

*Singing*

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 6:19-24 (CEB)*

This is a Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Looking In”

## RESPONDING: CREATIVITY

*This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.*

SINGING... “Thank You, Lord” UMH 84

THE WONDER OF IT ALL, In Pictures and Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

SINGING... “Thank You, Lord” UMH 84

OFFERING WITNESS Doug and Beth Ewald

OFFERING

Choral Anthem “Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

Doxology

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Offering Prayer

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## SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT

*Having walked with God in "looking" into our heart's relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity and creativity.*

\*SENDING HYMN

"Take My Life"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You" Gary Weaver (1937-2019)

**When you leave this place, take Jesus with you.**

**Share His love with others every day.**

**Share His promises and all the hope it gives you.**

**Share His joy with those you meet along the way.**

**Use the strength He gives in pain or sorrow.**

**Learn to forgive as He forgives your sins.**

**In your quiet time give thanks in prayer and praise His holy name**

**And He will bless you**

**And He will keep you**

**Until we meet you here again.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ST. MARK'S POINSETTIAS for Christmas & Christmas Eve:**

You may order a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone or just because. Colors are Red, White, Pink or Burgundy and are \$10 each. To order, please return order form, with money, by November 25th.

**THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVING PROJECT: Thanks** to our generous congregation, **we have met and surpassed our goal of \$500!** As of last Sunday, we have collected \$565 for Fairfield Food Pantry! That means at least 20 Fairfield families will be blessed with a Thanksgiving meal, complete with a fresh turkey. **You still have today to donate.** If you'd like to contribute, write "Fairfield Food Pantry" on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.

**RUTH CIRCLE: Friday, November 15th.** All women of the church are invited to come and have fellowship. There will be refreshments and Linda Payne will do a program on her Poetry. Please see or call Pam Guynes (779-9192) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have questions.

**NEXT SUNDAY - November 17th at 6:00 pm.**

**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE with Pot-Luck Dinner:**

Entree will be provided by the Nurture & Care Committee and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish filled with one of your favorite recipes. Please make plans to attend this very important night for St. Marks. We will vote on 2020 officers and other items. Everyone is welcome.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat, the Lunch Bunch would like you to join us for lunch and socializing once a month at various restaurants in the area. The Lunch Bunch is a group made up of 55 and older adults. Due to several requests, we will be meeting in November. We will be meeting at Shooters, 4981 Winners Circle in Liberty Township on **Wednesday, November 20th at noon.** Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for reservations by Monday, November 18th. We will not meet in December.

**SERVE CITY:** We will be serving a pre-Thanksgiving meal to our friends at Serve City on **Friday, Nov. 22nd.** We will meet at Serve City at 5:45, serve at 6:00, eat and socialize until about 7:00. We are in need of servers and food for that night. We plan on serving soup, fresh fruit, and dessert. Please use the sign-up sheet on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board or talk to Julie Mislansky (505-4061) or Charlotte Tierney (795-3010) with questions.

### **CONSECRATION SUNDAY: November 24**

After the service, there will be a Brunch for everyone to attend.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS: Sunday, Nov. 24 at 5 pm.** There will be Pizza afterwards. Everyone is invited to come and help.

**ADVENT STUDY:** We will be offering a 4 week study on **Monday nights at 7:00 starting on Nov. 25th and ending on Dec. 16th.** We will be studying "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas." This study, by Jorge Acevedo, takes us on a journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent by Christ to be his hands and feet, his head and heart. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Please sign up by Nov. 17th. Questions, see or call Julie Mislansky (505-4061).

**PARENTS - SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a Parent's Night Out on Friday, December 6th from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Details later in bulletins.

### **IS ELECTRONIC GIVING RIGHT FOR YOU?**

Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your regular offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

**INTERESTED?** Next Sunday, Tim Mislansky will be in the Narthex after the service to help answer questions or get you set up for Electronic Giving.

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### TODAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
- 9:30 am Worship Celebration
- 6:00 pm Youth

### MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)

### TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board
- 7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)
- 7:00 pm Small Group Study

### FRIDAY

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle (F. Hall)

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
- 9:30 am Worship Celebration
- 6:00 pm Church Conference with Pot-Luck Dinner

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## 11/3 Requests & Updates

Tom Alf, longtime Educator in Hamilton City Schools, suffered a Stroke during Open heart surgery.

Knull family - their Father passed away unexpectedly.

My Co-worker, Katy's, 20's something brother passed away unexpectedly Friday. (Julie Dichtl)

Patti, a young mother of 4 is going through a very stressful time.

Mary Ellen Foster

Ray Smith had surgery and is now home.

Virginia Shaw's son's father-in-law (age 82) had Open-heart surgery and in Cleveland Clinic.

Wayne, age 52, family friend of the Shaws, had motorcycle accident and has brain injury.

## Hospital or Re-Hab

Betsy Jones - Jamestown Therapy

Max Stover - Tri-County Extended Care.

Eleanor McCollum - Berkley Square

## St. Mark's Shut-ins / Homebound

John Best - Sanctuary Pointe

Virginia Shaw

Nancy Miracle

Sue Webster

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek

Don Olson

Evelyn Rewerts (Hospice) -Triple Creek

Dale Shreve - Birchwood, Rm. 201

## Continuing Prayers for St. Mark's Family

Merianne Cardas

Byron Jones

Jean Stivers

John McWilliam

Sandy Ronningen

Nancy Bumpus

Betsy Jones

Laura Spahn

Prayer & Bible St. Groups

Dick Brewer

Kristy Theiss

Pastor Joe & Linda

## Continuing Friends of St. Mark's & Week of Special Request

All service Men & Women

Jennifer Rinker's Dad 10/20

Our Country UM Church

Friend, Karin 10/20

Mitch Thomas

Nicole 10/20

Jack Cook

Lew Hollinger 10/27

John Tellep 10/13

Gina Hollinger 10/27

Co-workers 10/13

Eleanor McCollum 10/27

Rickie Stracke 10/13

Betty Jones' daughter-in-law 10/27

Lyla Brink 10/20

Don Olson 10/27

Family of Richard Fassnacht 10/20

Shay Irvin 10/27

Charlene Pullem 10/20

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.

## STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Brenda Smoot
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Organist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Youth Director	Erin Theodor
Nursery Director	Lauren Dichtl
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

## OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Merianne Cardas / Brodie Theiss
Head Usher	Andy Shellman
Ushers	Cliff & Cheryl Klug Marty & Gay Kubik
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

## THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

- ... are given in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Mary Lou Knau.
- ... are given in memory of Carol Grammel from Bob.
- ... are given in memory of Gennie Summers from the Dichtl's.
- ... are given in memory of Marilou Carr from Russ.

**ATTENDANCE:** 11/3 - 167

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