



February 16, 2020, 9:30 am

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CENTERING

*Quiet your minds and hearts,
focusing on God's presence with anticipation.*

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Leyrer

Choose life!

We will love the Lord our God.

Choose life!

We will obey God in all we do.

Choose life!

We will hold fast to our God.

Choose life!

We choose life in God's love!

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

*OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy One:

**teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us
on our journey.**

**Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us
direction and wholeness
when we hear your voice and follow.**

**You bless us with your love, shower us with your
grace, and help us grow in faith.**

We seek you, O God, with all our hearts.

Be near us this day. Amen.

WELCOME

Pastor Joe

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG

"Thy Word"

UMH 601

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

"If My People"

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 3:1-9

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"God Gives the Growth"

SONG

"Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

CONCERNS 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.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory

"I Choose"

Chris Beiser

*Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offertory Prayer

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

*BENEDICTION

*SONG

**May you run and not be weary,
May your heart be filled with song,
And may the love of God continue to give you hope
and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary,
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH NEWSLETTER: **Tomorrow** is the deadline for turning in articles for the March newsletter.

LUNCH BUNCH: If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat - the Lunch Bunch would like to invite you to join us for lunch and socializing once a month at various restaurants around the area. The Lunch Bunch is a group made up of 55 and older adults. We will be meeting at LaRosas, 5130 Camelot Dr., in Fairfield on **Wednesday, February 19 at noon**. Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for **reservations by noon, tomorrow**.

RUTH CIRCLE: The February meeting of the Ruth Circle will be **Friday, February 21 at 1 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to come and have fellowship. There will be a short meeting, refreshments and Shelia Boggs will present a program on her interest in Woodcarving. Please see or call Pam Guynes (779-9192) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have any questions.

SERVE CITY: St. Mark's is signed up to serve a meal at Serve City on **Monday, February 24th**. We meet at Serve City at 5:30, serve at 6:00, fellowship and eat, and are usually done by 7:00. See the sign-ups on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board if you'd like to serve that night and / or donate food. Please see Charlotte Tierney (795-3010) with questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: **Wednesday, February 26th at 7 pm**. Plan to attend this important service as Lent begins and we begin our journey to Easter. Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

MATTHEW 25: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 7th from 11:00-1:00!** We are scheduled to volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries. No limit on how many can serve; so we can take a big team to represent St. Mark's! Sign-ups will be on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board. See or talk to Julie Mislansky (505-4061) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have questions.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY: The Nurture & Care Committee coordinates the Adopt a College Student Ministry and we **still have a few students that need adopted**. The goal of this important ministry is to stay connected to our college students, whether they live away or at home. Your simple commitment is to pray for them and occasionally drop them a card or note to let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them. Please see or call Sue Beckett (856-8873) if you would be willing to adopt one of our college students or you have any questions. Thank You!

UPPER ROOMS: The March/April Upper Rooms are in the Narthex Literature Rack and on the hall table by the Sanctuary. Please take one home for your devotional reading.

BROKEN BUS COLLECTION: We will be collecting donations for the Broken Bus during the month of February. They are in need of: **new or gently used men's jeans, sizes 30, 32, 34 or 36; new or gently used women's jeans, sizes 6, 8 or 10; any size women's sweat - pants; medium, large or x-large men or women's sweat-shirts (bonus if they have a hood); men's boxer brief style underwear, sizes large or x-large; any size women's underwear, and men or women's thermal tops and bottoms, any size.**

ALTAR FLOWER CHART: The 2020 Altar Flower chart is available for you to get flowers in memory or honor of someone. The chart is on the wall next to the Narthex. The price for one Altar vase is \$14.50. You may take the flowers home after the service. Flower inserts should be left in the kitchen.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday each week. Put in Brenda's mailbox, by the church office, or send to b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com.

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

MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)
7:00 pm Mon. Nt. Study group (Heritage Rm.)
March Newsletter Deadline

TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
6:45 pm Children & Family Ministry (Heritage Rm.)
7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (LaRosas)
6:00 pm Handbelll Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)
6:30 pm St. Mark's Cares (Heritage Rm.)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Requests from 2/9 and this past week:

Prayers for Kayla Carr.

Bud Aydtlett is home with the Flu.

Prayers for the Mislansky Family as Julie's Mom, Marilyn Knauff, passed away. Services were held on Friday, Feb. 14th.

Charlene Pullen, Greg's wife, is now in Hospice.

Continued prayers for Karen Smith as she heals and recovers from her Knee surgery.

Debbie Flannery will have Cervical neck/back surgery on Feb. 20th.

Hospital or Re-Hab

Eleanor McCollum - Home

Flo Moore - Jamestown Therapy

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Nancy & Bob Miracle

Dale Shreve - Birchwood, Rm. 201

Sue Webster

Sandy Ronningen - Chesterwood

Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs. Nursing Home

Joys / Concerns *(listed in the order received, and kept for four weeks unless requested to remain on our "Continuing Prayers" list.)*

J.D. Burns 1/12

Flo Moore 1/12

Bob Lester 1/12

Friend & family 1/19

Hollinger Family 1/19

Elijah 1/19

Cliff Klug 1/26

Nicholas Miller 1/26

John Wyatt 1/26

Debbie Flannery 2/2

Karen Smith 2/2

Friend 2/2

Carr/Ramsey Family 2/2

Continuing Prayers

(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office.)

All service Men & Women
Country

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible St. Groups

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's
daughter)

Bryon Jones

Jean Stivers

Pastor Joe

Merianne Cardas

Kristy Theiss

Dick Brewer

Chet Hard

Charlene Pullen

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	Eric Leyrer
Head Usher	Don Stewart
Ushers	Marty & Gay Kubik
	Don & Gretchen Menke
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

... are given to the Glory of God.

ATTENDANCE: Last week (Scout Sunday) 202

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