



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 23, 2020, 9:30 am

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*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 "All Glory Laud and Honor" Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99) Brenda Smoot

The LORD is Sovereign.

Let the people tremble in awe.

God is enthroned between the cherubim.

Let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion.

God is high above all peoples.

Come let us worship our glorious Lord.

*OPENING HYMN "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" UMH 371

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of the mountaintop and of the plain,
we remember today the Transfiguration of Jesus.
Glorious, mysterious, and shimmering with light,
you know our hearts, our triumphs,
and our disasters.**

**Take us as we are; love us as we are;
join with us and transform us into your holy ones.
Amen.**

WELCOME Pastor Joe

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG "God Is Speaking"
**God is speaking. God is speaking.
Do you hear? Do you hear?
Trust and you will hear him.
Trust and you will hear him.
God is love. God is love.**

CHORAL ANTHEM "At the Cross"

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

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

SERMON

"Listen to Him"

SONG

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH 349

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Handbell Choir

*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

"Open My Eyes"

UMH 454

*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 you life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

LET'S MAKE OUR GREAT CHURCH GREATER: Next Sunday, **March 1**, Pastor Joe will deliver part one of a workshop on leadership and living based on systems thinking. Using video examples, he will share how this way of thinking and leading can benefit all of us at St. Mark's, especially during anxious times. This is an introduction to a series of trainings that will be made available going forward. Open to all members of our administrative committees and current church leaders, plus anyone else who wishes to participate. The 90 minute session will begin at 11 am in Fellowship Hall.

BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MARK'S: Get to know other St. Mark's folks as you explore the meaning, expectations and joy of church membership. We will meet in the Heritage Room at 11 am on March 8, 15, 22, and April 5. New members will be received on April 19. Grab a donut and cup of coffee, and share this quality time with Pastor Joe.

USED BOOK SALE TODAY: Ruth Circle is sponsoring a monthly Used Book sale as part of our fundraising for local mission projects. The books are located in the Narthex on the Mobile book cart. 100% of your donations will be donated to mission projects. Please take a few minutes to browse our books and make a donation. If you have questions, contact Alethea LaMar (319-750-1323) or Pam Guynes (513-779-9162). Thank you for your help with this important mission project!

SERVE CITY: We will be serving a meal tomorrow night, 2/24! If you'd still like to contribute or help serve, please see or call Charlotte Tierney (795-3010) or the sign-ups on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2020 Kickoff! Come one, come all! Join us to kick off 2020 VBS Planning, **Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm** in the Choir Room.

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 - please indicate if you'll need a ride. See or talk to Julie Mislansky (505-4061) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have questions.

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY 5K: This year's 5K will be held on **Saturday, March 21st.** The race begins at 9:00 at Waterworks Park. For the 4th year in a row, St. Mark's will have a team of walkers! For more information, check out the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board or talk to Debbie Bryant.

BROKEN BUS COLLECTION: Thank you for your donations! We will collect for one more week. Needs are: 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.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Save the date! Saturday, April 4th, 4 pm, St. Mark's Hoppin' Easter Egg Hunt. For children through 5th grade. Plus, crafts and baked goods. Stay tuned for additional opportunities.

Faith Family - we need your help to fill eggs for our Hoppin' Easter Egg Hunt. Plastic Eggs are in the Narthex for you to take home and fill with candy (or stickers, and other trinkets for those with allergies) **and return to church by March 29th.** When returning, please note eggs fill with allergy-free trinkets. We are opening our hearts and doors for children in our congregation and community, so let's fill lots of Plastic eggs! Children, Youth, Family Ministry - Easter Egg Hunts, Community Garden, VBS - want to know more? Join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 in the Choir Room and join the fun of planning for the children, youth in our congregation.

Questions? Speak to Jennie Marshall (515-1224) or Peggy Smith (307-4509)

UPPER ROOMS: The March/April Upper Room devotionals are in the Narthex Literature Rack and on the Hall table by the Sanctuary.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY: We **just have 2 more students that need adopted.** Please see or call Sue Beckett (856-8873) if you would be willing to adopt one of our students. Thank You!

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.)

TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
6:30 pm Staff Parish (Heritage Rm.)
7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
5:30 pm St. Mark's Cares (Heritage Rm.)
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)

FRIDAY

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 2/16 and this past week:

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

Dan, nephew of Dale & Elaine is critically ill in PA.

Jerry Miller will have Cancer removal surgery on Thursday. (Brother of Larry Miller)

A Joy! Blessed to have a new granddaughter named Zoey Ruth Heinold. Very proud grandparents are Jeff & Carol Gering.

Hospital or Re-Hab

Eleanor McCollum - Home

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.*)

Friend & family 1/19

Hollinger Family 1/19

Elijah 1/19

Cliff Klug 1/26

Nicholas Miller 1/26

John Wyatt 1/26

Karen Smith 2/2

Friend 2/2

Carr/Ramsey Family 2/2

Flo Moore 2/2

Mislansky Family 2/16

Kayla Carr 2/16

Bud Aydlett 2/16

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 Pullem

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	Brenda Smoot
Handbell Choir Director	Dianne Aiken
Head Usher	Don Stewart
Ushers	Debbie Bryant
	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 126

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