



a perfect love

Worship Series for Lent

based on

*A Perfect Love: Understanding John Wesley's
"A Plain Account of Christian Perfection"*



West Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord God, our refuge and strength,
we thank you for all that we are and all that we have.
We recognize our powerlessness in controlling our
circumstances, especially during these uncertain
times.**

**We do not know what our future holds,
but we come together, united in faith,
and with confidence that you hold our future.
Help us this day to Be Still, and to Know that you are
our God, no matter what may lie ahead. Amen.**

LIFE IN THE PARISH / SHARING GOD'S PEACE
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" v. 2 UMH 402

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:10-13
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Finding the Good in All Things"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" UMH 480

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

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN "Precious Name" UMH 536

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.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS: Deadline March 29th. See insert.

CHURCH WORK DAY: Saturday, March 21st from 9 am - noon. Jobs for all abilities! Please come and help! See Bob Hamp for questions.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Monday, March 23rd. Please email news items to b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com.

PLASTIC EASTER EGGS: If you took eggs to be filled for the Egg Hunt, please return them to church by March 29th.

ST. MARK'S HOPPIN' EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 4th, 4 pm. For children through 5th grade. Crafts and baked goods.

SERVE CITY: Our next meal to serve the residents is Monday, April 6th. We arrive at 5:30, serve at 6, eat & fellowship, and are usually done at 7. If you'd like to help with food and/or serving that night, please see the sign up on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board or talk to Charlotte Tierney, 795-3010. Thank you for your faithful service!

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE: April 9th at 7 pm . Holy Communion, followed by reading of the Passion Story and Service of Darkness.

*******EASTER: TWO SERVICES - 9:00 am & 10:30 am. *******
The chancel choir will present the Easter Cantata at both services.

SERVANT LEADERS NEEDED FOR NURSERY ON EASTER.

Persons 18 yrs. or older will assist in loving and caring for our infants / toddlers during worship. Training offered and background check required. This a much-needed and rewarding opportunity to serve the Lord at St. Mark's. Contact our Nursery Director, Lauren Dichtl, laurend526@fuse.net or (513) 374-5215.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 7th - Salad Luncheon, Crafts and Book Sale. Invite your friends! More information & sign ups in April.

VBS 2020 - Rocky Railway - Save the date: June 14-18. We need you! See or call Jennie Marshall, 515-1224, or Peggy Smith, 307-4509, with questions or to volunteer. Next VBS meeting is April 7 at 7 pm.

CANCELLATIONS

All of the following meetings and events are **cancelled or postponed.**

IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON MARCH 15 AND 22 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WATCH EMAIL FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON LIVESTREAM / ONLINE WORSHIP.

Children, Family & Youth Ministry Meeting March 17 @7 pm. **CANCELLED.**

LUNCH BUNCH: CANCELLED for Wednesday, March 18th. Stay well.

RUTH CIRCLE GATHERING: Friday, March 20th at 1 pm. **CANCELLED.**

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY 5K WALK/RUN: Saturday, March 21 at 9am **POSTPONED TO A DATE TBD.**

UMCOR SUNDAY: Next Sunday, March 21, we will collect our yearly special offering for UMCOR (UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF). Since 1940, UMCOR has provided relief, response and long-term recovery when events (famine, hurricane, war, flood, etc.) overwhelm a community. They are already responding to the victims of the tornados in Tennessee. **POSTPONED TO A FUTURE SUNDAY.**

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH/LUNCH: **CANCELLED.**

LENTEN DINNER & PROGRAM: Sunday, April 5th from 5 - 7 pm.— A Walk with Jesus. After dinner, groups will journey through 5 stations to experience the sights and sounds of Holy Week. Experience the Holy Week Story through five multi-sensory stations. Questions? Contact Peggy Smith (p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com).

Employment Opportunity: Part -Time Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper

As sad as this makes us (especially Pastor Joe), Brenda is retiring. The Staff / Parish Relations Committee is in search of her replacement.

SPRC is making this announcement first "in house" in order to allow an opportunity for St. Mark's family and friends to respond. We anticipate the hours required for this combined Admin. Assistant and Bookkeeper position to be approximately 25 hours per week. Please see Kym Nguyen, chair of SPRC. (skenary@aol.com), with your questions or to apply.

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
- 11:00 am Membership Class (Heritage Rm. 108)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)
- 7:00 pm Mon. Nt. Study group (Heritage Rm. 108)

TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm. 108)
- 7:00 pm Children & Family Ministry (Choir Rm 109.)
- 7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm. 108)
- 6:00 pm Handbells (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. 108)

FRIDAY

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care (Heritage Rm. 108)
- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle (F. Hall)

SATURDAY

- 9:00 am Fairfield Food Pantry 5 K
- 9:00 am All church Work Day
to noon

SUNDAY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Requests from 3/8 and this past week:

Debbie Flannery is still having pain. Will be going to doctor Wednesday to see if further surgery is in the future.
Kenny Towers has terminal Cancer. Pray for Kenny as well as his wife, Mary Lynn. (Jim & Sue Beckett's nephew)
Praise God. Athena is officially ours! Dee Dee & family.

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
Eleanor McCollum

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

Mislansky Family 2/9
Kayla Carr 2/9
Jerry Miller 2/16
Dan 2/16
Debbie Flannery 2/16

Angie & Juan Carlas 2/23
Students & Teachers 2/23
Bruce Rotroff 3/5
Tari Wolf 3/5
Jenni's student 3/5

Continuing Prayers

*(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office.)
(b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)*

All service Men & Women	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's	
Country	daughter)	Merianne Cardas
United Methodist Church	Byron Jones	Kristy Theiss
Prayer & Bible St. Groups	Jean Stivers	Dick Brewer
Mitch Thomas	Pastor Joe	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	Mark Hensler
Head Usher	Andy Shellman
Ushers	Bill & Julie Dichtl
	Denny & Sue Mullen
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

... are given in celebration of the 9th birthday of
Kaden Theiss from Nana & Kallie.
Happy Birthday, Kaden!

... are given to The Glory of God.

ATTENDANCE: Last week 125

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