



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

“You are
the body of Christ
and parts of each other.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 (CEB)



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 22, 2020, 9:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CENTERING

Light your candle at home, *quiet your minds and hearts,*
and focus on God's presence with anticipation.

WELCOME

Pastor Joe Payne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Hensler

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
**Receive the glory, power and praise for your
creating love.**

Incarnate Deity, who ransomed all below,
**We give in thanks our lives to you for your
redeeming grace.**

Spirit of Holiness, let all your saints adore,
**Your sacred energy we bless, your heart
renewing power.**

Eternal, Triune God, with all the hosts above,
**Let all on earth below receive and dwell upon
your love.** (UMH #88, adapted)

OPENING HYMN

"Maker, In Whom We Live"

UMH 88

OPENING PRAYER

Our heavenly Father,
**we your humble children invoke your blessing on
us.**

We adore you,
whose name is love,
whose nature is compassion,
whose presence is joy,
whose Word is truth,
whose Spirit is goodness,
whose holiness is beauty,
whose will is peace,
whose service is perfect freedom,
and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.

Unto you be all honor and all glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(UM Book of Worship #462)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Peggy Smith

LIFE IN THE PARISH / SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SOLO

Chris Beiser

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:27-28, 32-36
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Finding"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love.**

**Help us to be willing to bow before you in true
repentance,
and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
and consume the pride and prejudice which
separates us.**

**Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out
our fear, and binds us together in that unity
which you share with the Father and the Holy
Spirit. Amen.** (UM Book of Worship #482)

HYMN "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" v. 3

UMH 402

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

Generosity
VIDEO by The Bible Project

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

"Jesus, United By Thy Grace"

UMH 561

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

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

CANCELLATIONS

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

WATCH EMAIL FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON LIVESTREAM / ONLINE WORSHIP.

EGG HUNT CANCELLED.

BISHOP PALMER HAS SAID THAT ALL SERVICES THROUGH EASTER NEED TO BE CANCELLED.

UMCOR SUNDAY: POSTPONED TO A FUTURE SUNDAY.

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH/LUNCH: CANCELLED.

LENTEN DINNER & PROGRAM: Sunday, April 5th CANCELLED.

Tentative 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.

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. (sknewy@aol.com), with your questions or to apply.

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 am Online Worship Celebration

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Requests from 3/15 and this past week:

Debbie Flannery has to have future surgery.

Peg Wyatt fell and is at home recuperating.

Randy Starkie's Knee replacement for March 24th will be rescheduled.

Donna Hughes is in the hospital after having Esophagus surgery. She has a feeding tube and no visitors are allowed.

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.)*

Jerry Miller 2/16

Dan 2/16

Debbie Flannery 2/16

Angie & Juan Carlos 2/23

Students & Teachers 2/23

Bruce Rotroff 3/5

Tari Wolf 3/5

Jenni's student 3/5

Mary Lynn & Kenny Towers 3/8

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
Country

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible St. Groups

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's
daughter)

Byron 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	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 birthday of Pat Fassnacht
from her daughter, Holly.

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