



Heart of the Matter

a worship series for the
Season of Easter



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2020, 9:30 am
Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
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CENTERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Joe Payne

OPENING PRAYER, *spoken by Pastor Joe*
Holy and Living God, Heartbeat of Creation,
help us to take this time to center on you,
for you made us,
you gave us life,
and you continue to be with us
every moment...
every breath...
every step.

to the tune of "Amazing Grace"
**Be still, O heart, you're not alone,
your beat is shared with me.
Come now, and calm, and center here,
you're mine, secure and free.**

pick up your heart stones (if you have one)...

**Into your care, we offer now,
our worries, fears and strife.
We turn to you and know you're near—
Your light, our love and life.**

Light your candle and place your heart stone by the candle.

OPENING HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns" UMH 327

PRAYER

**Holy Peace-Giver,
We gather in your name, invited by Jesus, bound
together with your Spirit and in union with each other.**

**Feed our spirits with your comforting presence,
so that we might be your comfort to others.
Open our hearts and pour out your love. Amen.**

SOLO "Be Still My Soul" Kayla Goodman, flute

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:24 -28; Psalm 16:56-11; John 19:20-22
(Translation: Common English Bible)

SERMON "New Beginnings, Grateful Hearts"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SOLO "I Need Thee Every Hour" Kathy Fitzpatrick

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.**

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" UMH 430

BENEDICTION Pastor Joe

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.**

"See" you next week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Worship Services through at least April will be live streamed on Facebook Live at 9:30 am every Sunday. Tune in to [facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks).

How do we stay connected during this Corona Virus crisis?

Julie Mislansky (chair of St. Mark's Cares), Pam Guynes (Chair of Care & Nurture), and Sue Luken (Lay Leader) have been working to organize our congregation into groups, with approximately ten households in each group.

The purpose of these groupings is to aid in communication.

A caller has been assigned to each group, and will be making caring phone calls to each household in their group on a regular basis in order to keep in touch, check for any needs the household may have, and to share any information or news from the church.

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

COMING JUNE 14-18*



See or call Jennie Marshall, 515-1224, or Peggy Smith, 307-4509, for the many ways you can become involved in this exciting summer ministry for and with our kids.

***dates subject to change, depending on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers from 4/12 and this past week:

Love, prayers and sympathy to Greg Pullem in the death of his wife, Charlene.

Continued prayers for Pam Guynes's brother-in-law, Bruce Rotroff. He has Leukemia and is undergoing Chemo treatments.

Congratulations to Tomie O'Sullivan on the birth of her 14th great grandchild, a boy, who arrived at 1:30 a.m. Thursday 4/16. A name was not known at the time of this printing.

Sympathy to the family of Riley Hughes, age 14, who died April 16. We had been praying for Riley, who needed a double lung and heart transplant.

Roy and Helen Brown, in Florida. They are fine, but hope to be able to be back to Ohio soon.

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

Tower's family 3/15
Debbie Flannery 3/15
Peg Wyatt 3/15
Donna Hughes 3/15
Kaia Grant family 3/22

My Granddaughters 3/22
Healthcare workers, Grocery
store workers 3/22
Jason Johnson 3/29

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek
Virginia Shaw
Nancy & Bob Miracle
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, Rm.
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Sue Webster
Sandy Ronningen -
Chesterwood
Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs.
Nursing Home
Eleanor McCollum

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
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Prayer & Bible St.
Groups
Mitch Thomas
Lori Palmieri (Pat
Coyle's daughter)
Byron Jones

Jean Stivers
Merianne Cardas
Kristy Theiss
Dick Brewer
Chet Hard

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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 and flute soloist	Kayla Goodman
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