



# Heart of the Matter

a worship series for the  
Season of Easter

May 24: "Open the Eyes of Our Hearts"

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# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**May 24, 2020, 9:30 am**  
**Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook**  
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## CONCERNS AND PRAYER

### 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 Christ, When You Ascended"  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette—Used by Permission

### CLOSING WORDS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING 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!



1. "Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay."- Barack Obama
2. "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." – John F. Kennedy
3. "Heroism is not only in the man, but in the occasion."- Calvin Coolidge

4. "Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering."- Theodore Roosevelt
5. "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."- Franklin D. Roosevelt
6. "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."- General Douglas MacArthur
7. "Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility."- Eleanor Roosevelt
8. "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."- Joseph Campbell
9. "Never was so much owed by so many few."- Winston Churchill
10. "The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom's tree." -Thomas Campbell
11. "Home of the free, because of the brave." – Unknown
12. "To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day."- Unknown
13. "It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."- Norman Schwarzkopf
14. "The brave die never, though they sleep in dust, their courage nerves a thousand living men."- Minot J. Savage
15. "May we never forget freedom isn't free."- Unknown
16. "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."- James Allen
17. "Veterans are a symbol of what makes our nation great, and we must never forget all they have done to ensure our freedom."- Rodney Frelinghuysen
18. "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."- Unknown
19. "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived."- George S. Patton
20. "The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."- Benjamin Disraeli
21. "For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."- James A. Garfield
22. "Who kept the faith and fought the fight; The glory theirs, the duty ours."- Wallace Bruce
23. "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."- Elmer Davis
24. "Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops, and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well."- Jennifer M. Granholm
25. "Heroism doesn't always happen in a burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history."- Mary Roach

26. "Regard your soldiers as your children, and they will follow you into the deepest valleys; look on them as your own beloved sons, and they will stand by you even unto death."- Sun Tzu
27. "Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die."- G.K. Chesterson
28. "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."- Adlai Stevenson II
29. "And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave."- Joseph Rodman Drake
30. "America without her soldiers would be like God without His angels."- Claudia Pemberton
31. "So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good."- Helen Keller
32. "Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory there would be no civilization, no future."- Elie Wiesel
33. "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." - Adlai Stevenson
34. "Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first."- Charles de Gaulle
35. "I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it."- John Thune
36. "The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude."- Jeff Miller
37. "I have long believed that sacrifice is the pinnacle of patriotism."- Bob Riley
38. "There is nothing nobler than risking your life for your country."- Nick Lampson
39. "Over all our happy country – over all our Nation spread, is a band of noble heroes– is our Army of the Dead."- Will Carleton
40. "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."- John F. Kennedy
41. "In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."- Martin Luther King Jr
42. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."- Nathan Hale
43. "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured with what is right in America."- William J. Clinton
44. "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."- Mark Twain
45. "What I can do for my country, I am willing to do."- Christopher Gadsden
46. "A man is a patriot if his heart beats true to his country." – Charles E. Jefferson
47. "Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives."- John Adams
48. "If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for." – Unknown
49. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."- Ronald Reagan
50. "Let their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored." – Daniel Webster

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Those who have died in service to our country.

Sandy Ronningen

Tomie O'Sullivan having tests for her health issues.

Continued prayers for Lori Palmieri, Pat Coyle's daughter, as she continues her treatments and healing for cancer.

Kate Jones & family. Kate & Don had returned from FL and Don became ill & passed away suddenly. (Friends of Dianne & Mike Aiken)

Pray for those who have recently lost their mothers, those that long to be mothers and those mothers who are alone today.

Jenni Hensler's sister-in law, Kelly, has Breast cancer.

Jenni's cousin, Tonya, is a nurse and traveling to other parts of the country to assist in hospitals with those having Covid 19.

Ann & Andy Shellman's daughter's finance has Liver cancer and is having radiation treatments.

Great niece has a large tumor on her brain. (Aydlett's)

Family that needs help.

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

Penny's cousin 4/26	Front line workers 4/26
Neil Humes 4/26	Julie's friend 5/3
Ryan 4/26	All those in nursing homes 5/3
Marianne 4/26	Tom Cox 5/3
Rachel 4/26	Jon Fox 5/3
Bob's cousin's family 4/26	Friend who lost her job 5/3
Candance's family 4/26	Jeff Gering 5/3
Mark's brother 4/26	New Foster son 5/3

### **St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins**

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -
Virginia Shaw	Chesterwood
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs.
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Nursing Home
Sue Webster	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	Prayer & Bible St. Groups	Jean Stivers
Our Country	Mitch Thomas	Merianne Cardas
First Responders	Lori Palmieri (Pat	Kristy Theiss
United Methodist Church	Coyle's daughter)	Dick Brewer
	Byron Jones	Chet Hard—Hospice Care

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Worship Services through at least Phase 3 will be live streamed on Facebook Live at 9:30 am every Sunday. Tune in to [facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks).**

**Next Sunday, May 31: Pentecost . Graduate Sunday**

## 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](mailto:skenewy@aol.com)), with your questions or to apply.

## 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	Kayla Goodman
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