



# *Roll Down, Justice!*

*A worship series inspiring us  
to let justice roll down like waters,  
to reach out across divides,  
to alleviate suffering in all its forms.*

*June 7 – July 19, 2020  
St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
Fairfield, Ohio*



**ST. MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 28, 2020, 9:30 am**  
**Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook**  
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# ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Joe Payne

OPENING SONG "Roll Down, Justice!"  
Chris Beiser, Chelsey Cavender Sue Combs

### OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Living God, to choose You is to choose love.

**May peace flow. Let justice roll.**

Nudge us toward the reconciliation that ushers in right relationship.

**May peace flow. Let justice roll.**

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**May peace flow. Let justice roll.**

### OFFERING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace be with you

**And also with you!**

*Share the peace of Christ with those near you or in the Facebook comments.*

HYMN "Love Lifted Me"

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Peggy Smith

SONG "I Choose Love"

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:32-43

PRAYER POEM read by Peggy Smith  
Rock of Ages Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

When there is no other place of refuge,  
when violence awaits every move  
and evil lurks in the shadowy places,  
there is yet a hiding place in you.

As forces conspire to press in  
from the east and the west,

the north and the south,  
your guiding presence leads us  
to shelter in the quiet center.  
The weary find rest in your being;  
the distraught a source of renewed hope.  
Those who are about to succumb  
gain fresh strength in your sheltering hand.

The storm passes.  
The winds cease.  
Evil flees.  
Darkness vanishes.  
And those whom you have covered  
will rise with the dawn.  
And those whom you have covered  
will triumphantly rise. Amen.

SERMON

Pastor Joe Payne

"I Choose Love—Becoming a Community of Forgiveness"

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory "The Lord's Prayer" sung in unison  
**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

Prayer of Dedication

For the gift and possibility of reconciliation and forgiveness,  
**we give thanks.**

For the way in which these offerings can help us choose love,  
**we give thanks.**

For the gift of this community bound and working together,  
**we give thanks.**

## **WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

CLOSING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

BENEDICTION

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 your life be filled with joy!**

**And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

“See” you next week!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPPER ROOMS:** The July/August Upper Rooms are now available. They are in a marked box outside the kitchen door. Please pick up one at your **convenience** and also take one for a **friend**.

**ST. MARK'S CARES:** July Missions and Outreach will be Dougie and Ray's and UMCOR.

**Dougie and Ray's**, a ministry that serves the students of Fairfield City Schools, has started its campaign to fill brand new back packs with needed school supplies. St. Mark's Cares will be taking **donations for this cause the entire month of July**. Items needed are: Glue sticks, #2 pencils, Elmer's glue, 4 oz. bottles, Dry erase markers, Crayola crayons, 24 count, Colored pencils, 12-24 count, Packs of index cards, 3x5, Packs of loose-leaf paper, wide or college ruled, Composition notebooks, Packs of blue, black or red pens. There will be collection bins in the Fellowship Hall and donations can be dropped off during office hours. Also, a special drive-thru collection will be planned.

**UMCOR**, is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Gifts to the special UMCOR offering covers the costs of doing business. This helps UMCOR keep the promise the 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. UMCOR'S work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, health, and humanitarian development. **Our special UMCOR offering will be July 26th.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** St. Mark's will have an **Online Bible School** this year **July 12-16 from 6:30 to 8 pm.**

### **Knights of the North Castle VBS.**

Come join the fun online with crafts, games and music!

**All supplies will be available the week prior to VBS, at no cost to families.**

**Serving Pre-K through 5th grade.**

Registrations are now being taken at the link below:

**<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/StMarksFairfieldUMC/register/>**

Please call Peggy Smith if you have any questions - 307-4509.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **Sunday requests and updates:**

Lori Palmieri, Pat Coyle's daughter, had another procedure on Tuesday for her Brain tumors.

Gail Goodman fell while in Wisconsin and broke her wrist and her ankle in 3 places.

Karen Riehle is still not doing well and in a lot of pain after surgery.

Ryan & Cameron who are spending their 1st Father's Day without their Dad, who died last summer.

To all who nurture and care for others.

Nick Alcorn, grandson of Debbie Hill, will be working with de-contaminating Covid 19 masks.

Sisters that have Covid 19 and in critical condition at Mercy Hospital. **Update** - Brenda Harman passed away on Wednesday and her sister, Donna Harman remains in critical condition.

Prayers for Marty and Gay.

Linda Thomas

Willa Ramsey, in the loss of her Dad, Russ Carr.

Joyce Zugelter, recovering from surgery.

## **NEW FROM LAST SUNDAY:**

Betsy Jones is now in Ft. Hamilton hospital, She is in a lot of pain after twisting her leg from falling.

Mary Lou & Bill Knau's great granddaughter, Heather & Derek Padgett, lost their baby at 4 1/2 months pregnancy. The baby was named Owen. They also have a 5 yr. old son, Luke. Beside the Knau's, Grandparents are Lori & Tom Atkinson. Sympathy and prayers for all.

## **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	Jean Stivers Prayer & Bible St. Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas Kristy Theiss
Our Country	Mitch Thomas	Dick Brewer
First Responders	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	
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## **St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins**

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen - Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs. Nursing Home
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Eleanor McCollum
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	
Sue Webster	

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

Family of Chet Hard 6/7	Randy Starkie 6/21
Flannery's great nephew & niece' new baby 6/7	Family of Russ Carr 6/21
Prayers for our nation 6/14	Joyce Zugelter 6/21
Bruce Rotroff 6/14	Hadlee Rohman 6/21
Freida Hawkins 6/14	Cousin, Jason's family 6/21
Linda Prohaska's nephew 6/14	George Kearns 6/21
Karen Rose Riehle 6/14	Linda Vance 6/21
Friend with Covid 19 6/14	Paul Schutte 6/21
Prayers for the unrest 6/14	Jenni's Sister-in-law, Kelly 6/21
Unspoken prayer 6/14	Friend, Barb 6/21
Prayers for the unrest 6/14	Our nation & world 6/21

# 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	Julie Mislansky
Nursery Director	Lauren Dichtl
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

## OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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