

Holding Fast

BECAUSE GOD WORSHIP SERIES



God's How is Our Why



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 30, 2020, 9:30 am
Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Light your candle at home.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

We will hold nothing back from our God.

Sing full-throated praises to our God.

We will join in the chorus of thanksgiving for God's abiding love.

Glorify God and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

We will worship our God with wonder and joy.

OPENING HYMN "Give Thanks With a Gratefl Heart"

OFFERING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share Christ's peace with those close to you.

If you are alone, share "Peace be with you" in the Facebook comments.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

SONG "Bind Us Together"

SCRIPTURES Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON "Holding Fast" Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYER PETITIONS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "**sins**" and "*those who **sin** against us.*")

SONG "Hold On to Love" Jim Fenske and Congregation

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" vv. 1, 3,4,5 UMH 160

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

VESPER SERVICE: Every Thursday evening at 7 pm until the weather gets bad, Pastor Joe will have a Vesper service in the church shelter. Bring a lawn chair and wear a mask. Masks may be taken off once you are seated, if you prefer. Social distancing will be practiced.

ALTAR FLOWERS: You may still have Altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone. The price is \$14.50. You may pick your flowers up on Monday morning or let the office know if you need to come another time. Please call the church office for your request.

Requests need to be made by Wednesday.

**BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, September 16th
3:00 - 7:00 in the Choir Room**

There are 40 slots to be filled. All donors must have an appointment. Please share with your family and friends - anyone is welcome! The link to register is: https://www.donortime.com/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/68443

If you prefer, you can contact Julie Mislansky at 505-4061, and she will sign you up.

GOOD NEIGHBOR WEEK: SUNDAY, Sept. 13th - Sunday, Sept. 20th. Please see all information in the newsletter. There are many things that you can participate in throughout the week.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY: October 18th
Celebrating this important milestone is something we don't want to delay or pass by.
If you have a third grade student, please contact Peggy Smith at p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com

TRUNK OR TREAT:

Hello Friends,

I know it's still August, but we are trying to get an idea of who might be interested in being part of a re-invented Trunk or Treat. Some of you decorated your cars last year, (thank you!) and I am cordially inviting you to be part of the fun again! The thought right now, is to space decorated cars out. Every other parking space, and let families "parade" through our lot and view the decorations from their vehicles. We will have fun music playing, and pass out bags of candy at the end of the parade. I hope each of you will join the fun and let our community know that we care about them and want them to have fun with us!

Please let me know as soon as possible. I would like to have at least fifteen cars. I already have five. As always, you are all in my prayers for peace and safety during these days.

In his service, together, Peg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Prayers for husband, John, of medical worker. (Bud)
Sister, Paulette Gansel, diagnosed with cancer. (Marta)
My sister, Donna, having problems with dizzy spells and
is having tests done. (Cheryl Klug)

Blessing on all those that have been devastated by the
California fires.

Mikal Marshall, great uncle of Gunner, who is under the
Weather.

Debbie Flannery is still having pain after her surgery.

Family of Jo Muldoon who passed away only three days
after being in Hospice care. (Debbie F.)

LA and Gulf Coast with two storms approaching. (Mary P.)

Thanks and Blessings:

Happy Anniversary to Joe and Linda. May you be blessed
with many more.

Praise that our son, Matt, Covid test results came back
negative as he was unknowingly exposed to the virus.
(Luken's)

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	Byron Jones
Our Country	Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Merianne Cardas
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	Kristy Theiss
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Dick Brewer

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.)*

Gale Goodman 8/2	Eng Family 8/9
Paul Schutte 8/2	Safe return for college students 8/9
Tomie O'Sullivan's grandson 8/2	Chris Halcomb's family 8/16
Freida's son, Dale 8/2	Steve Hill, Lois's son, 8/16
Lisa Beaumet 8/2	Debbie Flannery 8/16
Menke Family 8/2	Goodman Family 8/16
Chelsea Menke 8/2	Aydlett's family in Georgia 8/16
Mary Pierson 8/9	Rose Townsend 8/16
David Waddell 8/9	Dale Shreve 8/16
Students & staff 8/9	Everyone in school system 8/16

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

Liturgist	Zach Dichtl
Piano	Jim Fenske
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	John Smith
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS ...

... are given in celebration of the birthday of
Aletha LaMar by her sister, Ann Brabbs.
Happy Birthday, Aletha!

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