



“Strike the Rock”



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2020, 9:30 am
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Light your candle at home.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP LITANY (based on Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16)

Listen up, people of God, open your ears to what I have to say.

Tell us a story, just like the parables of old.

You want me to tell you what you have heard and known, what the old folks have already told you?

Yes, tell us again.

Do not hide the love and the law of the Lord from your children.

We must tell them of the praises, power, and might of the Lord.

We must tell them of the wonderful strength of the Lord and the great things God has done for us.

Yes, we must tell the children of the marvelous works God did in the sight of the old folks in the old days.

God rescued us from slavery; God was a bridge over troubled waters; God led us by day and night.

God gave water when we were thirsty, food when we were hungry, our shepherd by day and night.

Listen up, people, open your ears to what I have to say.

We must be storytellers and story listeners too! For our children must know the great deeds of the Lord.

(Eugene Blair, The Africana Worship Book: Year A, Discipleship Resources, 2006, p. 121.)

HYMN

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH 600

OPENING PRAYER (inspired by Psalm 42, Psalm 78, Psalm 104)

God, you split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.

Come to us, Lord.

Give us that abundant water.

You made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Come to us, Lord.

Send the waters down upon us.

You turned the desert into pools of water,

the parched land into springs of water.

Come to us, Lord.

Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.

(posted on Living Waters for the World, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/opening-prayer-abundant-water.html>)

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 or YouTube comments.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON

"Strike the Rock"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

A STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are the people of God.

We are a sign of the New World.

We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love.

We believe in Christ. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.

We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God's people and invited the world into God's reign. We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, that the New World can arrive.

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We are the sign of the New World.

We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

*(David Beebe, **Flames of the Spirit**, edited by Ruth Duck, Pilgrim Press, p. 92)*

HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

PRAYER PETITIONS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "sins" and "...sin against us.")

SOLO

"I Am"

Chris Beiser

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH 117

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 in the church shelter until the weather gets bad. 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.

IN PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS:

The Administrative Council has set **October 25th** to begin in person worship again. New guidelines will be sent out to everyone. The Worship service will still be online for those that can't come to in-person worship.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY: October 25th

We will celebrate our 3rd grade class during worship. If you have a third grade student, please contact Peggy Smith at p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com

FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT: Oct. 25th, 4-6 pm

We are looking for church members who want to be part of the fun. Decorated vehicles will be parked in every other space in our parking lot, and guests will drive (parade) through. We are also looking for members that have fun Halloween yard decorations (we will have electric available) that they could bring to add to the fun. All candy will be pre bagged and handed out as cars exit the parking lot. **We will be accepting candy donations until Sun. Oct. 18th.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Mike Kinnard is still in ICU at West Chester hospital.

Debbie Hill is suffering from Covid 19.

Continued prayers for Merianne Cardas who is still battling her cancer.

Lori Betscher Palmieri, Patty Coyle's daughter, will have another cancer procedure on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

Tari Wolf, daughter of Lois Hill, is in need of prayer.

Jim Ruhl has stage 4 Pancreatic cancer. (Willa Ramsey's friend)

Megan Riley was in a car accident and has extensive bruises. (Gay Kubik)

Continued prayer for Aunt Iva. (Ruth Stanifer's aunt and Ethel's sister)

Wes Flannery, had a squamous cell cancer removed from his eye brow and has had more pain than expected.

Safe travels for Wes & Debbie as they travel to Albany, GA for Jeremy's retirement celebration.

Paul Schutte is in Fort Hamilton hospital.

All those in LA that are facing another storm.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

New:

Jeff, Ardean & Pat's Pitman's son, has been out of work for 10 months because of back problems. They will be trying a new procedure next week.

Joy and Thanksgiving; Jim & Sue Beckett are proud to say they have a new great grandson, Angelo Williams.

Continuing Prayers

*(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office .)
(b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)*

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

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

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

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

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| Marta's sister, Paulette 8/30 | John Eng 9/6 |
| Cousin, Letha (Aydlett's) 8/30 | Young women, Amy 9/6 |
| Friend, Perry 8/30 | Sarah Luken 9/6 |
| Kate & her family 8/30 | Greg Pullem 9/13 |
| Neighbor, Ernie 8/30 | Dick Davis 9/13 |
| Residents of Parkside & all nursing home facilities 8/30 | Lisa Beaumet 9/13 |
| Those in the path of Laura 8/30 | Betty Winkler 9/13 |
| Granddaughter, Kayla Carr 9/6 | Pittman's son, Jeff 9/13 |
| Jenni's brother, Greg 9/6 | Lauren's best friend 9/13 |
| Rose Townsend 9/6 | Loved ones in care facilities and home bound 9/13 |
| Hamblin family 9/6 | Phyllis Tunning 9/13 |
| Friend, Larry 9/6 | Booker/Zugelter family 9/13 |
| Meinking family 9/6 | Julie's brother-in-law, Mike 9/13 |
| All Law enforcement 9/6 | |

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

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| Pastor | Joe Payne |
| Administrative Assistant | Brenda Smoot |
| Director of Music | Chris Beiser |
| Organist | Sue Combs |
| Director of Children & Family Ministries | Peggy Smith |
| Director of Youth Ministries | Julie Mislansky |
| Nursery Director | Lauren Dichtl |
| Pastor Emeritus | Bob Klingel |

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Liturgist | Linda Payne |
| Sound | Rick Kiefer |
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| Screen | Jennie Marshall |

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