

LAITY
SUNDAY
2020

THEREFORE, GO!
WITH **HOPE** THROUGH

Hospitality
Offering Christ
Purpose
Engagement

*Send persons into the world to live lovingly
and justly as servants of Christ.*



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The United Methodist Church

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

November 15, 2020, 9:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Joe

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all called to recognize and join God's Mission of love.

We gather to become more like Jesus.

We learn how grace has met other lives.

We wait for God's empowering presence to open our eyes.

We engage our neighbors, online and in person.

And God's love, power, and justice help repair the world.

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

UMH 369

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;**

as the fire, and burn;

come as the dew, and refresh;

**convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives
to our great good and to thy greater glory;**

and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

SOLO "This is My Father's World / What a Wonderful World"

Chris Beiser

SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Therefore, Go! With Hope Through **Engagement**"

Sue Luken, Lay Leader

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

JOYS, CONCERNS, OFFERING MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER
(using "sins" and "...sin against us.")

Pastor: We go with hope, O God, with an engaged faith.
By paying attention to your grace already at work in every life.
Wherever we meet those made in your image, we share stories
of the grace that has reshaped our own lives.

As we come to see resonant patterns of grace, we find you
repairing the world's shattered wholeness.

Lay Leader: For a new resolve to listen to the stories of
people made in your image.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Lay Leader: With all who are called to become all love through
your son, Jesus.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Lay Leader: For those whose loneliness and isolation call for
listening love.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Lay Leader: With friends in faith who serve and witness
through deeds and words that heal and free.

People: Savior, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O God, and help us embody your
glory and presence - vessels of grace bringing mercy and
justice to your world. **Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Leader;

Go into the world, sharing yourself,
and proclaiming God's loving kindness,
justice, and peace,
in words and deeds
that bring life and hope.

Pastor:

The Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, and Living Spirit
is with you, today and every day, forever and always.

Amen.

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.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE BY ZOOM: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 at 6:30.

All chairpersons and members of the Administrative Board should participate. All are invited to participate. Church members have voice and vote. A Zoom invite reminder will be sent by email.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for submitting articles for the December newsletter is **Monday, November 23rd.**

BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, November 23rd - 3 to 7 pm.

Here is the link to sign up - you can also find it on our church Facebook page or you can call Julie, 505-4061, and she will sign you up.

https://www.donortime.com/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/68679

POINSETTIAS: It's that time of the year to order the Poinsettias to have on the chancel area Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. Poinsettias are \$10 each and may be ordered in Red, White, Pink or Burgundy. They may be order in memory or in honor of someone or just because you want to help decorate the chancel area for Christmas.

Orders with payment have to be in by Monday, November 23rd. Please call the church office for your order (844-1818) or send information to - b.smoot@Fairfieldstmarks.com. Thanks!

CRAFT SALE: The Monday craft ladies still have items available to purchase in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to come any morning, Monday through Thursday, to look and shop. **Proceeds go to the Parking Lot**

LaCOMEDIA: There are **2** tickets available for the Matinee Christmas show for Friday, December 4th. Tickets are \$40 each. If interested, please call the church office and let Brenda know as soon as possible.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be in memory, honor of someone or just because. Price is \$14.50 for each vase.

Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday. You may take your flowers home after the service, or let the office know if you need to come another time.

UPPER ROOMS: Upper Rooms for November/December are available, in a box, outside the kitchen door.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Megan Riley is improving and now is off all life support.

Prayers for Megan's continued healing. (Gay Kubik)

Josh Goodman has an active case of Covid. Also, prayers for Ariel who is caring for him.

Continued prayers for Jim Ruhl. (Willa Ramsey)

Sarah Luken tested positive for Covid and is doing much better, but no sense of taste and little sense of smell.

Danny Thomas recovering from surgery.

Good friend, Rena, who is in the hospital. (Pat Pitman)

Son's friend, Jon, who has diabetes and is very ill and has tested positive for Covid. (Luken)

Friend, Don Bond. (Bud Aydlett)

George Peters has Stage 4 Lung Cancer. He will begin treatments soon.

New from last Sunday:

Bob Netherland is now in Hospice.

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 Study Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas
Our Country	Jean Stivers	Dick Brewer
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	Mike Kinnard in
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Bethesada North Therapy unit.

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte - Ft. Hamilton
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Sue Webster
	Bob Grammel - Jamestown for Rehab.

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

Jackie Meck 10/18	Larry Morris 11/1
Niece, Leign Anne 10/18	Aunt Iva 11/1
Friend, Linda 10/18	Friend, Joy Sharp 11/1
Debbie Flannery 10/18	Pastor Wes Souders 11/1
Neal Menninger 10/25	Steve Hill 11/1
Phyllis Tuning 10/25	Sarah Luken 11/1
Elaine Shreve 10/25	Friend, Kate Jones 11/1
Janice Campbell Rivers 10/25	Jon Shirvin 11/1
Kathy's sister, Norine 11/1	Greg Pullem 11/1
Son, Jeff Pitman 11/1	David Waddell 11/1
Mary Lou Nguyen 11/1	Debbie Pottenger 11/1

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
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Director of Music	Chris Beiser
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Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
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OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Message	Sue Luken, Lay Leader
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ALTAR FLOWERS ...

... are in honor of all the Laity of the church.

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