



Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 2020, 9:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Jim Fenske

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Joe

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost
prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies website.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008/11/reign-of-christ.html>

HYMN

"We Gather Together"

UMH 131

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" vv. 1-3 UMH 694

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

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

SERMON

"Giving Thanks, Even Today"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, you created us to love you and one
another. We confess that we have sometimes limited**

that love to words, and failed to make that love real by our actions. We have failed to recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the incarcerated and the sick. Too often, we have turned away from your presence, failing to share what we have with our brothers and sisters in need. Forgive us. Turn our hearts, and guide us to follow in your ways anew.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God is good to all, and has compassion for all creation.

https://www.ucc.org/oghs_2017_worship_resources

HYMN "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me

work

pray

sing

Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

(repeat)

JOYS, CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SOLO

Jim Fenske

OFFERING MOMENT

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

BENEDICTION

Benediction Song UMH 694, verse 4

Even so, Lord, quickly come,

bring thy final harvest home;

gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow,

free from sin,

there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;

come, with all thine angels, come,

raise the glorious harvest home.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for submitting articles for the December newsletter is **Tuesday, November 24th.**

**BLOOD DRIVE: TOMORROW
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 - have to be ordered Monday for this Christmas season. The early reservation this year is due to Berns Garden Center being able to order and get flowers in time for delivery to the churches.

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.**

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:

Chris Murray, Jennie Marshall's neighbor, has recovered from Covid but now has an inoperable hernia in his stomach. Will be going to Cleveland Clinic to see what treatment options might be available.

Please continue to pray for those isolated and are feeling alone in nursing homes. (Susan Bunte)

Carol Kinross dealing with Cancer. (Gay Kubik)

Daughter, Chrissy, is very sick with Covid.(Sharon Hamp)

Paul Schutte is to be moved to Doverwood after being in hospital. He has an infection in his knee after surgery.

Friend, Jim Ruhl. (Willa Ramsey)

Friend, Terri Fischer and family. Her mother passed yesterday after a short battle with Cancer. (Pam Guynes)

Sister-in-law, Kelly. She just finished her 2nd round of Chemo and has contracted a severe leg infection and is at OSU. (Jennifer Hensler)

Larry Miller's sister-in-law, Judy, has Covid and is on a ventilator at Bethesda North.

Prayers for Chris Beiser and Sue Combs.

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)	Bethesda North Therapy unit. George Peters

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte - Doverwood
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Sue Webster
Bob Netherland in Hospice Care	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.)*

Neal Menninger 10/25	Friend, Kate Jones 11/1
Phyllis Tuning 10/25	Jon Shirvin 11/1
Elaine Shreve 10/25	Greg Pullem 11/1
Janice Campbell Rivers 10/25	David Waddell 11/1
Kathy's sister, Norine 11/1	Debbie Pottenger 11/1
Son, Jeff Pitman 11/1	Don Bond 11/8
Mary Lou Nguyen 11/1	Friend, Jon 11/8
Larry Morris 11/1	Friend, Rena 11/8
Aunt Iva 11/1	Danny Thomas 11/8
Friend, Joy Sharp 11/1	Josh Goodman 11/8
Pastor Wes Souders 11/1	Megan Riley 11/8
Steve Hill 11/1	
Sarah Luken 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
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
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	
Piano/Organ	Jim Fenske
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS ...

... are in honor of Steve Nguyen, in celebration of
his 50th birthday, from Kym. Happy Birthday!

... are in memory of husband, Robert Shaw,
from Virginia.

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