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Worship Series for the Season after Epiphany



WEEK 2
Anything Good

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 17, 2021, 9:30 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

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

GREETING and CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Joe Payne and Linda Payne

Come into worship,
and see what God has in store for us today!

We have busy lives, but still, we're curious . . .

Come into God's presence,
and see the difference love makes!

**We've been burned by love before,
but still, we're needy . . .**

Come into the light and see the glory of God!

**Our eyes have been closed for so long,
but still, we yearn for the light . . .**

Come and see! Come and see!

By Laura Jaquith Bartlett, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2224/worship-elements-january-14-2018>

HYMN "Come and See"
**Come and see, come and see
I am the way and the truth, said he.
Follow me, follow me,
Come as a child, O come and see.**

**Kyrie, Kryrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe Christe eleison.**

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WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible" UMH 103
**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O God,
**that we might hear your Word
speaking to us in this moment.**

Open our ears, O God,
**that we might listen for your voice
calling to us through scripture.**

Open our ears, O God,
**that we might understand your promises
to followers both old and young, ancient and modern.**

Open our hearts, O God,
**that we might enter into the love
you offer us. Amen.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Linda Payne

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Anything Good?"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN "The Summons"

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

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

HYMN "The Summons," verse 5

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go
where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

OFFERING MOMENT

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

**I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus
In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: Articles are due by Wednesday this week.

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

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The envelopes are available in Fellowship Hall. You may get them on Sunday morning or any morning Monday—Thursday from 9 to Noon. If these times do not work out for you, please call the church office to arrange a time for you to get your envelopes.

SERVE CITY MEAL: If you signed up to donate for the meal this coming Friday, January 22nd, please have your item to the church **kitchen by 5:15 pm**. Thank You!

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:

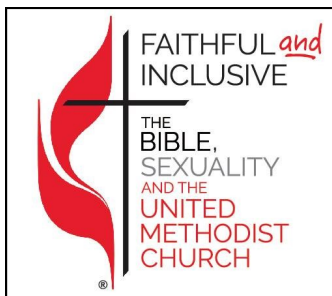
Wednesday, Jan. 20th — 3-5 pm

Thursday, Jan. 21st — 10 am to Noon

St. Mark's Cares will be having a collection drive for the Food Pantry on the above dates and times. We will be near the kitchen door to take your donations.

We are focusing on Personal Care Products and Pet Food! These are items that are rarely donated but are in great need! Current Pantry Needs:

Dish soap, Laundry detergent and other laundry supplies, All purpose cleaning spray, Feminine hygiene products, Men/Women's deodorant, Men/Women's shaving cream and razors, Dog food/treats, Cat food/treats.



TWO MORE CLASSES FORMING:

**Wednesdays 10:30-Noon,
January 27—March 3 and**

**Thursdays 6:30—8:00pm,
February 17—March 24**

The current Bible Study class of 9 participants plus Pastor Joe is currently meeting. Now, two additional Bible Study opportunities have opened up and Pastor Joe will lead these as well.

The goal of this study is not to get everyone to think alike. It's to give information and tools to help you come to your own understanding and to be able to share your beliefs with others.

The aim of this class can be summed up this way:

- To understand better what the Bible says regarding non-heterosexual practices, and why it says it, and
- To consider how Christians committed to upholding biblical authority can take a non-literal approach to these passages.

We will meet via Zoom. You will receive a Zoom invite after you sign up and closer to the meeting date. You will need a PC, tablet, or smartphone with a cam, microphone, and internet in order to participate in this virtual classroom. Those unfamiliar with Zoom meetings will be given further instruction on request.

There is no cost to be a part of the class. Call 844-1818 to reserve your place, or sign up on St. Mark's Facebook Page Events.

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive at St. Mark's will be on

Wednesday, March 17th. Watch for upcoming sign-ups.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Terrill Broshear's niece, Heather Brosey, has aggressive Breast Cancer. She is a young mother of three.

Neal Minninger, Terrill's brother, has stage 4 Colon cancer.

Jeff Gering's sister as she has her 1st dose of Chemo this week after being diagnosed with stage 3 Colon cancer.

Don Jackson as he is re-couperating after having Covid.

Danny Thomas recuperating from Shoulder surgery.

Jon Skirvin needs prayers for health issues.

Daughter, Katie, who has Covid. Thankfully, it has been a mild case. (Sue Luken)

Grandson, Steven, as he is having surgery tomorrow for a spot on his lung. He lives in Tenn. (Jim Jones)

Nephew of Flo Moore, Ralph Brown, having Heart surgery to get his heart rhythm back to normal. His wife just died in Dec.

New from last Sunday:

Tomie O'Sullivan fell and broke her wrist, besides hurting her arm and is in a lot of discomfort.

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	All shut-ins and
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Homebound

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte—Jamestown
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Bob Grammel
Bob Netherland in Hospice Care	Greg Pullem
	Sue Webster

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

Debbie Flannery 12/13	Don & Beverly Bond 1/3
Jeff Gering 12/13	Jenni's cousin, Tim 1/3
Family & friends of Mike Kinnard 12/20	Judy Gross 1/3
Pastor Jim Cattran & family 12/27	Jourdan Carson 1/3
Eng family 12/27	Marianne Dove 1/3

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	
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS ...

...are in celebration of the birthday of Bud Aydlett
by Shirley. Happy Birthday, Bud!

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