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Worship Series for the Season after Epiphany

Week 4

“What Have You to Do With Us?”

We are people on a journey of transformation, and it isn't always easy. Today, we acknowledge the hard work of becoming disciples and of setting aside the weight that clings so closely, of handing over the reins of our lives so that we can be led into wholeness. And so, we can proclaim wholeness to the broken world around us.



January 31, 2021, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

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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 CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Joe and Linda

Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

Jesus will offer hope.

Come to worship this day, believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

Jesus will bring us healing.

Come to worship this day. Join with all creation in lifting your voices to sing the praises of our life-giving God.

Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.

Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2279/classic-worship-connection-january-28-2018>

HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" vv. 1, 5, 7 UMH 62

OPENING PRAYER

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.

Open our minds and hearts to be changed.

Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.

Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas. <http://worshipcloset.com/baptism-of-the-lord-sunday-year-b-words-for-worship/> Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/01/prayer-of-illumination-mark-1-21-28.html>

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

SOLO

"In the Sweet By and By"

Kathy Fitzpatrick

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Linda Payne

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Have You to Do With Us"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN

"Wounded World that Cries for Healing"

**Wounded world that cries for healing—
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration our compassion, hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!**

**Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.**

**Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins" and "...sin against us."*)

OFFERING MOMENT

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

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.**

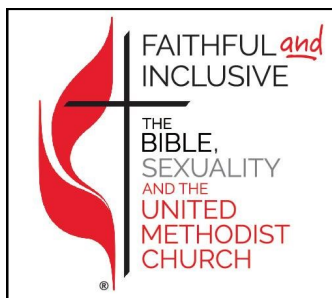
POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE:

Next Class begins

**Thursdays 6:30—8:00 pm,
February 18—March 25**



Two current Bible Study classes of 9 participants each plus Pastor Joe are currently meeting. Now, one additional Bible Study opportunity is coming soon.

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.

BROKEN BUS MINISTRY: The Broken Bus Ministry is once again allowing volunteers on their rides downtown to serve. St. Mark's has reserved two dates; **February 20th and April 10th**. Those that volunteer must be from the same household and masks and other safety procedures will be in place. If you are interested in either riding or providing the meal, or if you have questions, please contact Julie at 505-4061.

PASTOR JOE'S DAILY PICK ME UP MOMENTS: Pastor Joe will now be doing his words of inspiration and just being in touch with everyone on a weekly basis, every Wednesday around 1:30 to 2 pm on Facebook. If you can't watch at that time, you can always watch any other time afterwards on Facebook that day.

BLOOD DRIVE: The next Blood Drive at St. Mark's will be on **Wednesday, March 17th from 3:30 to 7 pm.** You may now sign up on St. Mark's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Theodor at 748-1085.

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.

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPENINGS: The pantry is in need of a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday each month and positions will also be on the board of Trustees. If interested, please send your information to **hr@fairfieldfoodpantry.org** to obtain an application.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Phyllis Tunning is having surgery on her leg January 25th.

Prayer for the Hume family. Neil passed away from Covid.

Dale Shreve is progressing and is now at Birchwood.

Bill Schumacker is recovering from Covid and Pneumonia.

Prayer for the Hartsman family as they are grieving the loss of 14 yr. old Ben.

Prayers for the Carson family. Jourdan, 32 yr. old mother of 3, has passed due to Stomach cancer.

Dear friends of Willa Ramsey, Jim & Martin Ruhl. Jim is battling Cancer and his wife is going into Dementia.

Jennifer Marshall's daughter, Morgan, has tested negative for Covid and Strep but still very ill.

God's healing touch for all those suffering.

Prayers for an unspoken request. May God intervene.

Sue Luken requests prayer for the family of Miranda Perry who was hit and killed by a drunk driver while walking home last week in Hamilton. She leaves behind her husband and 5 yr. old daughter, KK, who is in our grandson, Riley's preschool class.

Charlotte Tierney thanks everyone for prayers for her Mom. She will be going to rehab at Westover.

Donna Hughes brother, Ray Rettinger, whose cancer has come back after 3 yrs. Now taking Chemo for Leukemia.

Prayers since last Sunday—Sympathy to Jeff & Carol Gering and family on the loss of his sister, who passed away January 29

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-Ft. Hamilton Hosp
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.)*

Pastor Jim Cattran & family 12/27	Grandson, Steven 1/10
Eng family 12/27	Ralph Brown 1/10
Don & Beverly Bond 1/3	Tomie O'Sullivan 1/17
Jenni's cousin, Tim 1/3	Norine Miller Hopkins 1/17
Judy Gross 1/3	Megan Riley 1/17
Marianne Dove 1/3	Friend, Amy's family 1/17
Heather Brosey 1/10	Dave Convoy 1/17
Jeff Gering's sister 1/10	Gary 1/17
Don Jackson 1/10	Janet Kleinholz 1/17
Danny Thomas 1/10	Don Jackson 1/17
	Carson Kennedy 1/17

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 Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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