



Holy Vessels

A Lenten Season of Recovery

Second Sunday in Lent

“Safe Keeping”



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 28, 2021, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

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GATHER

People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from town to town. As we gather virtually or physically, we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

LENTEN WORSHIP THEME

Chris Beiser

Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Linda Payne

OPENING HYMN "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

UMH 273

APPROACH

*People opened their lives to Jesus. We are drawn to the Healer
-opening our hearts with honesty about our lives
and finding assurance that offers peace.*

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, which include the communities of which we are a part. Let us pray: God of All, You created us for each other....

....Together we pray,

Help us, Healer.

Show us our empathy.

Forgive our complacency.

Move us to move

one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

Silence

ASSURANCE

Know this: This love and security is meant for all people.

No. Matter. What.

We are capable of sharing our light and not running out of "enough." Christ's hospitality that broke through false boundaries points the way. For you, for me, for all.

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PEACE

The Peace of Christ is with you.

And also with you.

BELIEVE

People were fortified by Jesus' words and deeds that revealed care for all—especially those marginalized. We strengthen our belief in the possibility for renewed health and vigor for all.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Peggy Smith

TESTIMONY AND MUSICAL PROCLAMATION

Linda

"It Is Well"

A CONTEMPORARY WORD

Pastor Joe

AN ANCIENT WORD - SCRIPTURE Matthew 8:5-13

Linda

SERMON

"Safe Keeping"

Pastor Joe

ASK

People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.

SONG OF PREPARATION

In your love, make us whole.

May we rest in your compassion.

Calm the lost, weary soul

in the warmth of your love.

May your peace fill our hearts.

May we know the love of Jesus.

By your grace, you console.

Make us holy, make us whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your love, make us whole....

RESPOND

Scriptural accounts of healing often end with responses from the "crowd" of witnesses. How will we proceed into the brokenness of this world and respond as the Body of Christ?

CLOSING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

BLESSING

Vessels, holy and whole...

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE:

New Classes begin -

March 10 to April 7 Wednesdays 10:30 - Noon

The aim of this class:

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

BLOOD DRIVE:

Wednesday, March 17th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

You may now sign up on St. Mark's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Theodor at 748-1085.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14: We will mark this anniversary of the lockdown by looking back at all that has taken place this previous year.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28: Palm/Passion Sunday. Leading up to this day, we hope to deliver a palm branch to every household and every child.

BROKEN BUS MINISTRY: St. Mark's has reserved **April 10th** to serve on the bus. We have our riders secured! Watch our Facebook page for the opportunity to help with the meal. If you have questions, please contact Julie at 505-4061.

UPPER ROOMS: The March/April Upper Rooms are now available. They are in a box by the kitchen door and also on the Narthex Welcome center.

PASTOR JOE'S UPWORDS: Pastor Joe is now 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 St. Mark's Facebook page.

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 - 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.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Taylor Bradley, a 28 yr. old friend and W. Lakota family that went into sudden cardiac arrest for unknown reason. Family asks for healing & prayers. (Kym Nguyen)

Sharon Hamp is having more tests on her heart. Pray for positive results.

Layne Nelson, 13 yr. old daughter of Jennifer Rinker's friend. Layne was in a sledding accident Tues. She has avoided liver surgery but is losing her right kidney. She is in pain and having fever while her body tries to rid itself of the kidney.

Prayers for those in nursing homes and those who are home bound.

Prayers for the mother of a young friend, Mike, who is undergoing surgery this week. (Lois Hill)

Tari Randall thanks everyone for coming to celebrate the life of her dad, Bob. The family is very grateful for the support.

Thanks - Thank you to all who sent cards and made posts on Facebook regarding the passing of my sister, Danielle. Your prayers and memories are much appreciated. Marty Kubik

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 Diana Griffith

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

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

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

Joe Goebel 1/31	Sister-in-law, Karen 2/14
Unspoken requests 1/31	Friend with Lymphoma 2/14
Dewilda and family 1/31	Kristy 2/14
Young family struggling 1/31	Diane Noonan 2/14
Tomie O'Sullivan 1/31	Diana Griffith 2/14
Family of Mary Ann Dove 1/31	Donor, Jill 2/14
Jim Hughes 1/31	Family of Don Jackson 2/14
Family of Paul Stanberry 2/7	Family of Danielle, Marty's sister 2/14
Miracle Family 2/7	Grammel Family 2/14
Friend's nephew 2/7	
Sister-in-law, Kelly 2/7	
Family of Bev Chaffin 2/7	
Mary Ann Dove's family 2/7	

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	Linda Payne
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

Altar Flowers ...

... are given in celebration of the 34th Wedding
anniversary of Carol & Jeff Gering.
Happy Anniversary!

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