



Holy Vessels

A Lenten Season of Recovery

Fifth Sunday in Lent

“Restoration”



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 21, 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

Sue Luken

The demands of following Jesus are great....

...We protect the jewel that is our home, restoring something beautiful from scars of the past.

Singing

Vessels, holy and whole
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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, especially this holy container of life on which we live- this very planet.

Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the beginning...

...It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the small things that could make a difference for our own community.

Help us, Healer.
Show us our ability to chart a different course.
Forgive our inaction.
Move us to move
one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

ASSURANCE

PEACE The Peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN "On the Beach the Waves of Water"

On the beach, the waves of waters
Crash upon the sparkling sand.
Parents with their sons and
daughters
Stroll and chatter, hand in hand.
Several people, watching, gazing,
Spot some dolphins swimming free.
God, your world is so amazing!
Thank you for the wondrous sea.

There is music in the thunder!
Soon the storms will pass on by.
God, we thank you for the wonder
Of the ever-changing sky.

Later on, the storm clouds gather,
Rolling in upon the shore.
Lightning crashes, people scatter
As the rains begin to pour.

In our homes and on vacation,
God, your love is every place.
You have made this good creation;
You have filled your world with grace.
Sea and land reflect your glory;
Beauty lights your sky above.
God, creation sings the story
Of your ever-constant love.

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

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION

"A Joyful Ring"

Handbells

AN ANCIENT WORD - SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:18-27

Sue Luken

SERMON

"Restoration"

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.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING MOMENT

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

This Is My Father's World"

UMH 144

BLESSING

Vessels, holy and whole...

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES: Lilies for Easter Sunday are being ordered this week from Benken Home Garden Center. **Please call the office by Wednesday if you would like to order one.** For those present today you may put your order, in an envelope, and put in the Stewardship box. They are \$10.00 each. Please note who they are in honor or memory of or just because you want to give one for our Altar area on Easter Sunday. You may take them home after the Easter service or get them the following week.

EASTER EGGS: You may still pick up bags of empty eggs to fill for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd. Bags of eggs will be by the kitchen door, in Fellowship Hall, and the Narthex. Please return eggs **by Saturday, March 27th.**

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28: Palm/Passion Sunday. Leading up to this day, we hope to deliver a palm branch to every household and every child. We will also have palms for those that come to worship on Palm Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 1st - This will be a special Maundy Thursday service **online only at 7 pm or watch when convenient for you.** (No in-person worship) The service titled The Living Last Supper is a combination of 12 stories from the apostles reflecting on their time with Jesus and hearing that one of them will betray Him. The service will also have special music, and communion will be served by Pastor Joe, so have your bread and juice ready so you can participate at home. The Living Last Supper is sure to be a perfect way to continue preparing your heart during Holy Week.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 3rd at 1 pm. Bring your children and grandchildren.

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.

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE:

New Classes begin -

Thursdays 6:30, April 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20

So far, 31 persons have or are taking this class. Great participation! We need at least eight per class, so please sign up. I don't want to cancel.

One aim of this class:

- To consider how United Methodist Christians committed to upholding biblical authority take a non-literal, yet serious, approach to their study of the Bible.

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.

PASTOR JOE'S UPWORDS: Pastor Joe is doing 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Requests of March 14th:

Prayers for Jenni Hensler's sister-in-law, Kelly, who starts radiation this week.

Jane Payne, Pastor Joe's sister-in-law, who is in Riverside Hospital.

Cheryl Creach's sister-in-law, Linda Creach Bley who will be going to Hospice today from Ft.

Hamilton Hospital.

Sue Luken gives praises and thanks that Sarah's concussion symptoms have subsided and she is feeling better.

Prayers for Brenda Smoot who will be having a test Monday.

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
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.)*

Layne Nelson 2/21	Bill Hansbauer 3/7 (Friend of Jeff Gering)
Taylor Bradley, Kym's friend 2/28	Sarah Luken 3/7
Mother of friend, Mike 2/28	Sharon Hamp 3/7
Gary, friend of Virginia Shaw's daughter 2/28	Dale Shreve (L3 vertebrae fracture 3/7
Pam Hard 2/28	Willa Ramsey's school friend 3/7
Glenn Campbell, Linda Prohaska's brother 3/7	Beverly, Mike Jones' fiancé 3/7
Betty Roark 3/7	Jim Jones's grandson, Steven's wife for new job 3/7
Gracie, (2 yrs.) Freida's Hawkins family 3/7	

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	Sue Luken
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS ...

**... are given in memory of Danny Hatton from Marlis
for the anniversary of his March death.**

**... are given in memory of Danny Hatton for his
birthday remembrance from Marlis.**

**... are given in honor of Pat Fassnacht for the
celebration of her 80th birthday from her daughter,
Holly.**

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