



"We are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike."

Maya Angelou



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 18, 2021, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

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GATHER

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kayden Dutey-Anderson

We gather to worship God,

Who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**To seek justice, share power,
and live together in love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love
sustain us in our living.**

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To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

— from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

OPENING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

OPENING PRAYER

Kayden Dutey-Anderson

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Layton Edmundson

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION

Jenn Specht, violin

SCRIPTURE

Titus 3:2-7

Malakie Edmundson

SERMON

Message by Gunnar Marshall

Poem, read by Jenn Specht

Video: “Don’t Put People in Boxes”

PRAYER

prayed by Olivia Edmundson

Loving God, in Jesus you offer life to the world and love to its people.

When we see life only for ourselves, forgive us.

Help us to hear your transforming love

Speaking to us of respect, dignity and worth,

Telling us that we are loved and that we are to love one another.

In the knowledge of this love

Work through us to bring your justice to the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

"Pass It On"

UMH 572

BENEDICTION

Ethan Sizemore

SUNG RESPONSE

"Take Jesus With You"

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns (*kept for four weeks unless requested to be removed or to remain on our "Continuing Prayers."*)

4/11— Dave and Cindy as they mourn the loss of Dave's dad and travel to his funeral on Friday.

4/11 — Susan Bunte: for Kate and Michael parents of infant son who died earlier this year, and 3 1/2 yr. old daughter who died of cardiac arrest a few days ago.

4/11— Pat Pitman: for husband Ardean, medical procedure . Also for son Jeff, who will be having his 2nd back surgery soon.

4/11 Linda Prohaska: for brother, Glen Campbell.

4/4 Joy - Owen Myles Kiefer, born 3/29, grandson of Rick & Janis Kiefer, son of Rich & Nicole Kiefer.

4/4 family of Robert Hill, who passed away.

4/4 All first responders.

4/4 Wes Flannery, another skin cancer removal

4/4 Pam Drake, sister of Tomie O'Sullivan

4/4 Mike Rossmann , son-in-law of Tomie O'Sullivan

4/4 Terry Colman, son of Tomie O'Sullivan

3/28 Paul Jewett, in ICU with Covid, by Lois Hill

3/28 Family of Linda Creach, who passed on March 26, by Cheryl Creach.

3/21 Marta Hollinger's daughter, Gina

3/21 Debbie Flannery's g'daughter, Anna 3/21

3/21 Phyllis Tunning

3/21 Lois Boden

3/14 Jenni's sister-in-law, Kelly

3/14 Cheryl Creach's sister-in-law, Linda

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

Our Country

First Responders

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible Study Groups

All shut-ins and Homebound

Jean Stivers

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's
daughter)

Merianne Cardas

Dick Brewer

Diana Griffith

Gina Hollinger

Sharon Hamp

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201
(fractured vertebrae)

Bob Netherland in Hospice Care

Byron Jones

Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood

Eleanor McCollum

Paul Schutte

Greg Pullem

Sue Webster

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 am Worship (sanctuary and online) Youth Sunday
No Youth (Next gathering May 2)

MONDAY

10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Scouts (picnic shelter)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Prayer Group (F. Hall and by phone)

6:00 pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

No "Faithful and Inclusive" class. See you next week!

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship (sanctuary and online) Music Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Julie Mislansky, youth participants, Chris, Sue, and all who led our worship this morning!

G.L.O.W. RESTARTING! Is God calling You to children's ministry?

We are happy to announce that we have a Restart date for both the Nursery and G.L.O.W. Sunday mornings for our children. Our launch date is May 16th. However we NEED you! Anyone interested in stepping up as a Servant Leader should contact Peggy Smith. Maybe you can give one Sunday per month, a whole month, or possibly even an entire quarter to help us fill these positions. We will be offering some training for this as well with two different sessions; one on April 28th @ 7pm, the other on May 2nd immediately following our worship. We cannot be faithful to serving our children without your help! Hope to hear from some of you soon.

CRAFT SALE IN NARTHEX: handmade by our Craft Ladies
Proceeds: parking lot Lighting.

PRAYER PARTNERS!: This ministry pairs an adult with one of our children, youth or young adults to pray for one another. When you pray for someone, you begin to care for someone and we want our kids and young people to know that their church family cares for them! Interested adults may contact Peggy at p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com or Julie Mislansky at knauffj@icloud.com.

Indicate your preference, if you have one, for a child, youth, or young adult (post high school years). Our goal is to have everyone in the church participate! We could all use some extra prayer, right?!

APRIL MISSION PROJECT: HYGIENE KITS

St. Mark's Cares Mission Team is collecting hygiene kits for the students at Butler County Juvenile Justice Center. All items should be placed in a large Ziploc bag. Only the items asked for should be in the bag, and please make sure the items are alcohol-free. **Deadline for the bags has been extended to Sunday, April 25th.** Place items in collection bins in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Questions Contact Julie at knauffjj@icloud.com or 505-4061.

Bags should contain:

Toothbrush (non-battery operated)	Shampoo
Toothpaste (no alcohol)	Conditioner
Mouthwash (no alcohol)	Hair gel
Stick of deodorant (non-aerosol)	Comb
Bar of soap or bottle or body wash	Brush

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND FLAMINGOS ARE FLOCKING!

Fill someone's yard with flamingos! Or, pay insurance NOT to have your yard filled with flamingos! This April youth fundraiser will be for future youth projects and mission. The cost to flock a yard is \$10. Insurance is \$15. Request forms are at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Contact Julie Mislansky (knauffjj@icloud.com, ph 505-4061) or one of the youth for more info.

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

Our Youth	
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

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