

and I have been
glorified in them

John 17:10



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ASCENSION SUNDAY



May 16, 2021, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

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GATHER

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Payne

Jesus Christ has ascended into the heavens and sits at your right hand while we are down here laboring doing the best that we can to survive.

God help us!

We are keeping our heads above water, but (God forgive us) sometimes drowning seems to be an answer.

God help us!

We keep our faith and trust in you in spite of how we are being treated.

God help us!

We are abused, misused, and accused. For this reason, we understand more and more that this world is not our home and we are just strangers passing through the night.

God help us!

ALL: God, we are your children and we need you to help us so that our feet won't slip and our faith won't waver.

We believe in you and trust in your Holy Word.

Do it God! Do it today! God help us!

Curry F. Butler, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.

*OPENING HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns" UMH 327

*PRAYER FOR ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world,

but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened.

God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life, different priorities, different loyalties, different values.

But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful,

and so we are drawn in to following its priorities, accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods.

God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities, when we misunderstand their role in the world.

. . . time of silent prayer . . .

Rejoice and be glad! God is gracious and God offers blessings. God calls us to life in the world, God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision.

We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>.

Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/06/prayer-of-confession-and-commitment.html>.

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

NEW TEAM RECOGNITION

Tim Mislansky

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION

“In the Garden”— Kathy Fitzpatrick and Katie Abner

SCRIPTURE

John 17:6-19

SERMON

“On Display”

HYMN

“Day of Arising”, (words on screen)

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

DISMISSAL

*CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” UMH 664

*BLESSING

Singing Response—“Take Jesus With You”

Words & Music by Gary Weaver

(words on screen)

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, if able.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

(Items are listed for four weeks unless requested to be removed or placed under "Continuing Prayers.")

- 5/9—Sympathy to Bob & Judy Klingel on Bob's brother's passing.
- 5/9—Sharon Hamp having a heart cath. on Tuesday.
- 5/9—Kym Nguyen's friend and co-worker Avery Blanton. Dad has pancreatic cancer. Mom is septic.
- 5/9—Friend Summer, cancer returned for third time.
- 5/9—Happy Mother's Day to all the women who love, encourage, nurture, and support others.
- 5/9— Brenda Smoot, infection of heart lining, lymphoma.
- 5/9—Praise. Megan Halloran's fever is down. She can finish exams and go on mission trip. (Aydlett's granddaughter.)
- 5/9—Kendra Hyett will have surgery this week. (S. Stracke's niece.)
- 5/9—Fairfield soccer coach whose daughter has cancer.
- 5/9—Allison Heinold's (Gering's daughter) daycare, Covid.
- 5/2—Jeff Pitman, recovering from back surgery.
- 5/2—Jeff Pitman's friend Jeff Shell, cancer.
- 5/2—Debbie Flannery: friend Phyllis Morris in the loss of her husband, Larry.
- 5/2—Tomie O'Sullivan: thankful her grandson is home from Kuwait.
- 5/2—Bud Aydlett: granddaughter Megan high fever.
- 4/27—Congratulations to Bud and Shirley Aydlett on the birth of their great-grandson, Elliott Michael George.
- 4/27—Megan Halloran, granddaughter of the Aydletts, fever, possible urinary infection.
- 4/25—Lois Hill: for Dwight Clendinin with lymphoma and covid.
- 4/25—Elick family, on the loss of Ron's father.
- 4/25—Debbie Flannery: Mariann Savage and family on loss of their doctor and friend, Greg.
- 4/25—For all communities as they struggle for peace.
- 4/25—Rev. Benji Sayre, car accident. Critical condition.
- 4/25—Marlis Hatton's friend, Tom Vetter, hospitalized with Covid
- 4/25—Diana Griffith terminal cancer
- 4/25—Knau's son-in-law's father in intensive care.
- 4/25—Jerry & Gale Hartwig's move to Columbus

4/18—For Ciara Menke

4/18—For Donna Hughes who is having skin cancer removed from her leg.

4/18—For Willa Ramsey's friend Anita Clemons. Anita's daughter, Missy Yauger, passed away.

4/18—For Jon Skirvin, Bill Hansbauer's dad, Brenda, Dale Shreve, and many others dealing with health problems.

4/18—For Jenni Hensler's sister-in-law's brother, Scott, who is battling encephalitis.

Continuing Prayers

Please help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office with any updates. (j.payne@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818)

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

Brenda Smoot

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201
(fractured vertebrae)

Bob Netherland home Hospice

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)
2:00 pm Youth Group. We will be painting, so wear old clothes!

MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)

TUESDAY

- 7:00 pm Scouts (picnic shelter)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 am Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall and by phone)
6:30 pm St. Mark's Choir "Hymns by the Yard"
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Membership Exploration Class, Zoom

THURSDAY

- 6:30 pm *Faithful and Inclusive* class on Zoom
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Worship (sanctuary and online). Graduation Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP TODAY—Wear your painting clothes!

NURSERY AND *G.L.O.W. RESTARTING TODAY!

(*GROWING, LOVING, OUTREACH, WORSHIP) Is God calling You to Children's Ministry? We are excited to restart the Nursery and G.L.O.W. today, however, **we NEED you!** Please consider giving one Sunday per month, a whole month, or possibly even an entire quarter to help us fill these positions. We cannot be faithful to serving our children without your help! Anyone interested in stepping up as a Servant Leader should contact Peggy Smith at p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com. Hope to hear from some of you soon. (Reminder that there is no G.L.O.W. on Communion Sundays.)

NEXT SUNDAY, (MAY 23), IS GRADUATION SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate our high school and college graduates.

MAY MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting donations for the Fairfield Food Pantry during the month of May. You can bring your donations in any time and leave them in the bins in the Narthex and the fellowship hall. We also will have a designated drive-thru drop off times on Wednesday, May 26 from 5:00-7:00 pm, and Thursday, May 27 from 10 am to noon. All non-perishable food, hygiene, laundry, cleaning, and baby items are needed, but we are focusing on "Dishes, Detergent, and Diapers". This includes dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, stain remover, fabric sheets, diapers, and baby wipes. Thank you for always generously supporting our donation drives!

CRAFT SALE EXTENDED ONE MORE WEEK!

Items are handmade by our Craft Ladies. All proceeds go to the parking lot Lighting Fund. Today is the last day of the sale! Sale is located in the narthex.

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. Please 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?!

THANK YOU FOR FLOCKING THE FLAMINGOS!

Our youth would like to thank all who flocked yards with flamingos, or who paid insurance NOT to flock their yard with flamingos. This April youth fundraiser will go toward future youth projects and mission. **Thank you!**

PART-TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

St. Mark's has an opening for a part-time office administrator. 20 hours per week. A job description is available on request.

Contact Jennifer Rinker (jlrinker1@aol.com, (513) 703-5063).

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: 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

Be sure to visit our website, fairfieldstmarks.com, for archived worship bulletins, recorded worship services, newsletters, and more!

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