
I WILL NEVER
LEAVE YOU
nor forsake you

Joshua 1:5



September 05, 2021, 9:30 am
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PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As travelers on the journey of faith, God has called us.

Our help comes from the Lord.

Out of country and family, God has called us.

Our help comes from the Lord.

Filled with the Spirit, we have been born into a new life.

Our help comes from the Lord.

Pick up your cross, we hear our Savior say.

We pick up our crosses and follow—for our help comes from the Lord who has called us.

*HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH 374

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, We come as your children, more numerous than the stars in the heavens. We long to hear your voice for we are filled with uncertainty and confusion. Be with us and fill us with your Spirit. Give us the strength to answer your call to new life in Christ our Lord. AMEN

*PEACE

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

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Leonardo Alexander Hampton

Son of Kelly and Jacqueline Hampton

Godparents Mike Connolly and Doris Williams

Baptizing Leo is his grandmother, Rev. Eva Marie Wolfe

Introduction to the Service

Presentation of Candidate

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you

swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

To parents and other sponsors:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

To the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor Joe addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Baptism With Laying On of Hands

Leonardo Alexander, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

To the congregation:

Now it is our joy to welcome our brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you As a member of the family of Christ.

Commendation and Welcome

To the congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

To the family:

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

SOLO

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

Jenna Wolfe

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1, 5b-9

SERMON

"To Tell the Story"

Rev. Eva Marie Wolfe

HYMN

"He Leadeth Me" vv. 1-3

UMH 128

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING MOMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You, Lord God, created the waters and the dry land.

Your Spirit gave breath to Earth's people.

You planted justice on the Earth and sent the Messiah as a light to all people

The Holy One will give us strength.

God will bless us with peace.

We come to Baptism for repentance, to turn from evil and oppression. Jesus of Nazareth came to be baptized to full the Word, and you, O God, anointed him with your Holy Spirit and with power.

The Holy One will give us strength.

God will bless us with peace.

As the Spirit descended like a dove, you, you are God, claimed Jesus as your beloved son and anointed him with favor.

Come, Spirit to this table, claim us as your children.
Come, as you have come, the table of your people
throughout history, as we have made thanksgiving to you.

The Holy One will give us strength.

God will bless us with peace.

Pour out your favor upon us and on these elements, that
we and the whole world may know your son and come to
your glory.

Planter of Justice, Beloved Son, Spirit of Peace, Holy One,
we are yours. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer

*HYMN

"He Leadeth Me" v. 4

UMH 128

*BLESSING

Response

"Take Jesus With You"

words on screen

Words & Music by Gary Weaver

*POSTLUDE

*(*Please stand, as able.)*

The St. Mark's family welcomes the Wolfe and Hampton families back to their "church home away from home." We also thank Eva Marie for proclaiming the Good News to us this morning.

The Altar Flowers:

-Given by the Klingel family in memory of the birthday of Jill Klingel Szul.

-Given by the Boggs family, in memory of the birthday of Lisa Boggs Vance.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 9/02 Freida Hawkins is at Ft. Hamilton Hospital
- 8/30 Kathie Kemp's friend, MaryKay Bowling is hospitalized after complications, heart issues and pneumonia after surgery last week.
- 8/29 Debbie Flannery's daughter in law, Mary Remus, Sheena's mother. UPDATE: She has passed away from Covid19 on Aug 27th. Please keep the entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Pray for safe travels as Jeremy, Sheena, Anna, and Nikki fly to the Bahama's on Wednesday and safe from the virus while they are there.
- 8/29 Karen Turner ankle fusion surgery on Sept. 9th
- 8/29 Bud & Shirley Aydlett's cousin Leatha has Covid19.
- 8/29 The Aydlett's give Birthday wishes to Nicole & Joey Specht.
- 8/29 Sue Luken's family in Mississippi and to those who where in the storm's path.
- 8/29 Kathleen Lang's friend as he and his family go through the end of life process.
- 8/29 A good friend in Florida who's name is Diane.
- 8/29 Clinton Ntigamu and his family.
- 8/29 To the families of the 12 Marines & 1 Navy Corpsman that lost their lives in Kabul.
- 8/29 To all of the lost men and women.
- 8/29 To all of the soldiers and their families of all branches of the military as well as those in the Middle East.
- 8/22 Belinda Peters brother-in-law, John Peters, who passed away on August 9th. Keep the family and friends in your prayers.
- 8/22 All of our college students as they begin a new school year.
- 8/22 Linda Thomas' daughter, her fiancé, Dustin Fogle has been diagnosed with progressive Multiple Sclerosis.
- 8/22 Dee Aiken's husband, Mike, who fell & hurt his knee and it's now difficult to get around. He has seen the doctor.
- 8/22 Dee Aiken's nephew, Drew, who started PT in N. Carolina.
- 8/22 Elaine Shreve asks for prayers for Julie Shreve, she fell off her horse and has a concussion.

- 8/22 Brenda Smoot has been diagnosed with a rotator cuff injury and waiting to hear back from doctor. She asks for no phone calls and visits at this time as she is on strong medication. Please feel free to text her and she will call you back when able. Since being in the ER, she is doing better but still in a lot of pain.
- 8/17 Rick Broshear has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 8/15 Gale Goodman, for a successful knee replacement. UPDATE: Surgery was successful and she is recuperating at home.
- 8/15 Mark Hensler's friend was in hospital for dizziness & headache.
- 8/15 Travel mercies for Maddie Hensler who is in Italy studying and traveling abroad.
- 8/08 Continue prayers for Dee Aiken's step mother, Norma, who is Battling Leukemia.
- 8/05 Eleanor McCollum who is still recovering from a fractured hip at Berkley Square in Hamilton.

Continuing Prayers

Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates. Contact Lyn at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or phone 513-844-1818)

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| All service Men & Women | Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter) |
| Our Country | Merianne Cardas |
| First Responders | Dick Brewer |
| United Methodist Church | Gina Hollinger |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups | Sharon Hamp |
| Jean Stivers | Brenda Smoot |
| Mitch Thomas | |

St. Mark's Homebound

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| Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek | AT HOME |
| Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 409 | Greg Pullem |
| Byron Jones—Majestic Care of Fairfield | Sue Webster |
| | Virginia Shaw |
| | Eleanor McCollum |
| | Bob Netherland—home Hospice |
| | Paul Schutte |

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:
www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

Today, 9/05

9:30 am Worship, sanctuary and livestreamed. (NO G.L.O.W.)
Nursery open for infants—age 3.
NO Youth Group
Hampton Baptism
Holy Communion

MONDAY, 9/06

Enjoy the HOLIDAY—Office Closed and No Crafter Group

TUESDAY, 9/07

6:45 pm CYFM Team
7:00 pm Trustees
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

WEDNESDAY, 9/08

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
12:30 pm Shared Harvest Volunteering
6:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Room at the Table meeting

THURSDAY, 9/09

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, 9/10

SATURDAY, 9/11

SUNDAY, 9/12

8:30 am Choir
9:30 am Worship, sanctuary and livestreamed. (G.L.O.W.)
Nursery open for infants—age 3.
10:45 am Faithful & Inclusive Class
12:00 pm Cavender Wedding Shower
3:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm Dinner for Youth
6:00 pm Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERING, SEPT. 8, 12:30-2:30PM

St. Mark's is scheduled for this Wednesday 9/08. They are requiring masks to be worn, regardless of vaccination status. We can take a team of 10. The sign-up sheet is on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board (in Narthex) or see Debbie Bryant.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS & CONFIRMATION SEPTEMBER 12

We will see all our youth back on September 12, for confirmation and youth group. Reminder that our schedule will be: 3:30-confirmation class, 5:00 dinner, 6:00 youth group. We will be eating dinner together on these nights and asking for volunteers to provide the meal. More information and the dates of our gatherings are on a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Please

consider supporting St. Mark's youth with this gesture. Thank you! If any questions, contact Julie Mislansky.

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

New 6-week class begins September 12 after worship. Join Pastor Joe as we look deeply into the scriptures and grow closer to Christ. Sign up on the back of your "Welcome Page".

BROKEN BUS RIDE AND SERVE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

You have an opportunity to serve those experience homelessness with the Broken Bus this month. We need 3 people to ride and serve, and volunteer to provide food. Please see Tari Randall with questions. Sign-up is on the Narthex bulletin board.

"TASTE THE BREAD" CLASS SEPT. 26, 10:45-NOON

The class is for families with children under 12 yrs. old. It's a fun and meaningful way to learn and celebrate Holy Communion and what it means to us as a family of Christ.

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT, THE CARING CLOSET

St. Mark's Cares is pleased to give you the opportunity to support the Caring Closet this month! The Caring Closet is a ministry that helps provide clothing and basic needs to at-risk students in Hamilton schools. We are collecting specific toiletries for them:

2n1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant bar soap, men's and women's stick deodorant, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene pads. Collection bins are in the Narthex and will collect until Sept. 19th.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We still have a few children/youth who need to be matched with a prayer partner, please seek them out today. If you're not sure who they are, Peggy Smith, Sue Luken, or Julie Mislansky will be happy to help you connect with them.

RUTH'S CIRCLE, SEPT. 24, 1PM

We will resume meetings on Friday, September 24 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Beginning October, we will meet every 3rd Friday. Ruth Circle is open to all women of the church. Please contact Pam Guynes at (513)-779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com. Also, you can contact Charlene Miller at (513)-844-6793 or email her at chardarmiller@gmail.com if any questions.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Wednesday. October Newsletter deadline is Sept. 22nd.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

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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

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