



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

March 19, 2023, 9:30 am

Lenten Series

LOOKIN' FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES



Fourth Sunday in Lent
"Look for the Shepherd"

WELCOME! We are glad you are here.

Please complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it to the next person. When the last person completes it, return the pad to its original place, looking at the names of persons in your pew. Greet one another at the conclusion of our worship!

Have a prayer request? Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks. Completed prayer cards will be collected during the opening hymn and shared during our prayer time.

*An * invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit.
Congregation responses are in **bold print** and projected.*

PRELUDE		Sue Combs
CENTERING	Quiet your hearts and minds, focusing on God's presence with anticipation.	
WELCOME		Pastor Joe
OPENING SONG	"Show Us How to Love" <i>Candle lighting by Lauren Leyrer and Kallie Theiss</i>	Chris Beiser

INTRO TO TODAY'S THEME

"Show Us How to Love," verse 2; *Congregation joins Chris*

**Eyes open, shocked awake,
much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache.
Show us how to love.
Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.**

*HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us" UMH 381

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME Peggy Smith

ANTHEM "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" Bells of St. Mark's

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison,
Grant to us your peace, Lord**

Prayers for the World—**Kyrie...**for Our Community—**Kyrie...**
for Our Relationships—**Kyrie...** for Ourselves—**Kyrie...**
The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING, including UMCOR Sunday Offering

Offertory "Thy Holy Wings" Bells of St. Mark's
Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

ANTHEM "Where Are the Shepherds Now?" Chancel Choir
featuring Kayla Goodman, flute

PSALTER Psalm 23, with sung response UMH 137

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-41
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Look for the Shepherd" Pastor Joe

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance, and security in places that offer only temporary good feelings and satisfaction.

**We yearn for lives that matter,
we desire relationships that thrive,
we want less regret.**

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others by affirming their worth and dignity. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says that "the Lord is our shepherd... whose goodness and mercy follows us all the days of our lives."

Let us respond together:

**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision
to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus,
and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven,
loved, and freed! Amen!**

HYMN "Spirit Song" UMH 347

*BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the RIGHT places!

**We will look for signs of The Shepherd,
tending to the world around us with love!**

*POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks.

Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 03/12 Sharon Hamp's friend Jean Richardson who was recently diagnosed with Metastatic Lung Cancer. This is very serious so please pray that the treatments work.
- 03/12 Elaine Shreve who is experiencing increasing back pain.
- 03/12 Karen Turner as she continues radiation treatments.
- 03/12 Donna Hughes having some medical issues.
- 03/09 Greg Pullem is at Parkside and continues to have medical issues. We thought it would be nice to not only shower him with our prayers but with cards as well. Please send cards to c/o Parkside, 908 Symmes Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014. We know he will enjoy receiving them! :)
- 03/09 Helen Brown had a terrible fall with broken nose in (2) places, lost (7) teeth and sprained wrist, she has been checked out by the doctor and is back home recovering. She will have upcoming orthodontic work and fix her nose.
- 03/09 Pam Guynes' sister-in-law Wanda Spurlock is having some medical challenges.
- 03/08 Linda Payne's Uncle Bud Rademaker passed away at 98 years old. Sympathy to the entire family for their loss.
- 03/08 Terrill Broshear as she recovers from chemical burns and infection on her leg from an auto accident in Florida.
- 03/05 Praise! Thank you for your prayers! Sam Davis is doing much better now.
- 03/05 Joy! Debbie Hill is Eternally grateful for my mom's (Lois Hill) 100% successful cardioversion on Feb 28.
- 03/05 Tomie O'Sullivan friend, Dot Kemper and Arlene Landi diagnosed with cancer.
- 03/05 Nancy & Wade Lewis, members since 1974, are moving in to the condos at Berkeley Square in June, prayers for a safe & easy transition.
- 03/05 David Brockfield's friend Paul Himes at home hospice.
- 03/05 Linda Prohaska's brother.
- 03/05 Linda Prohaska's brother-in-law, Jimmy Holloman had open heart surgery, was placed on respirator, and has low blood pressure issues.
- 03/01 Lois Hill recovering very well from Cardioversion procedure that happened on 2/28. She thanks everyone for praying and keeping her in your thoughts.
- 02/28 Julie Dichtl's sister Lynne and her husband recovering from Covid.
- 02/28 Belinda Peters' daughter Cynthia Kirkham had bilateral mastectomy 2/22. Thank you for the prayers, Cynthia is doing very well.
- 02/26 Betty Jones' friend Sharon Revel was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer.
- 02/26 Mark Huffman is battling Stage 4 Desmoplastic Melanoma

- 02/26 Dee Aiken's friend Nancy Compton is having kidney removed and a tumor.
- 02/23 Congratulations to Mark & Sue Luken grandparents to a new grandchild born on Feb 16, 2023. His name is Crosby Thomas Weiss, Son of Katherine & Mike Weiss.
- 02/23 Iris Jones' son-in-law Tim Beltz is having more testing.
- 02/23 Lois Hill's friend Garey Carson had a serious motorcycle accident. He is in therapy & out of work.
- 02/23 Linda Prohaska's brother Eugene Campbell update, he feels good at times and prays when it's challenging. He is looking forward to his daughter having her first child in April, named William Matthes which will be Eugene's 3rd grandchild.
- 02/19 Don & Marilyn Stewarts nephew who is recovering from a surgery to remove a tumor on his spine.
- 02/19 Rick Kiefer's wife Janis who began chemotherapy treatments on February 20 for Endometrial Cancer with a few more treatments to come.
- 02/19 Brenda Smoot's sister Linda as she unexpectedly lost her husband. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the entire family during this difficult time.
- 02/19 Prayers for a son recovering from a car accident.
- 02/19 Joyce Zugelster is not feeling herself lately, send some extra thoughts and prayers.
- 02/19 Brenda Smoot continues through tests and is hoping for good results.

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 call the office (513) 844-1818.

St. Mark's future pastor
 All service Men & Women
 Our Country
 First Responders
 United Methodist Church
 Prayer & Bible Study Groups
 For the sick and/or homeless
 Merianne Cardas
 Dick & Edith Davis
 Sharon Hamp
 Iris Jones

Iris Jones (son-in-law, Tim Beltz)
 Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
 (Linda Prohaska's brother)
 Peggie Wyatt
 Residents at Parkside
 Virginia Shaw
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Brenda Smoot
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)

St. Mark's Homebound:

Vivian Brill
 Jean Cottrill
 Freida Hawkins
 Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint
 Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
 Eleanor McCollum

Zedith Pottenger
 Greg Pullem—Parkside
 Jean Stivers
 Virginia Shaw
 Paul Schutte
 Betty Winkler
 Joyce Zugelster (In home health care)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 3/19 (UMCOR Sunday & FFFP Easter Basket donation)

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
(Children will sit with their adults until children's moment)
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Lenten Bible Study w/Alfred Arthur

MONDAY, 3/20 (Easter Flower Orders Deadline)

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 3/21

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 3/22

7:30 am Men's Prayer group
2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Hand Bell Practice
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 3/23

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 3/24

SATURDAY, 3/25

9:00 am Matthew 25 Volunteering

SUNDAY, 3/26

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
(Children will sit with their adults until children's moment)
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Lenten Bible Study w/Alfred Arthur
11:00 am Youth Group
6:00 pm G.L.O.W. at Night (grades 1-5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH MISSIONS: UMCOR SUNDAY AND FFFP EASTER BASKETS

The annual ***UMCOR Sunday offering is TODAY***. This special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business" so that 100% of all other gifts to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not admin costs. UMCOR makes a difference for individuals & communities whose lives have been impacted by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. Last year, our *St. Mark's congregation donated \$3497.98 on UMCOR Sunday*. We appreciate your generosity every year for this vital UMC Ministry. **For Fairfield Food Pantry, we are taking monetary donations to go to purchasing items** for the Easter Baskets to be given to FFFP. See Debbie Bryant for details.

LENTEBIBLE STUDY LED BY ALFRED ARTHUR: IN PERSON ONLY

A 45-60 minute Lenten Bible study in Fellowship Hall, led by Alfred Arthur. Follows our worship service through April 2.

MARCH 25, SATURDAY, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

We have a volunteer opportunity and all ages & abilities are welcomed. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex (on bulletin board). Contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 for details.

"LOST" PAINTED FLOWER POTS WITH DOWEL RODS

The craft ladies painted a box of small potting flower pots and inserted dowel rods in them. If anyone finds them please contact the church office.

EASTER EGG HUNT "HELP" Fill the Easter Eggs. Return by MARCH 26

Asking people willing to take bags of 2 dozen plastic eggs home, fill them with individually wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys & return them throughout the month of March. Bags of empty eggs are in the Narthex. Another option is to buy the bags of candy and we will fill the eggs. THANK YOU!

MARCH 26, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW at NIGHT (grades 1-5)

The Children & Family Ministry will have G.L.O.W. at Night on March 26, at 6:00—7:30pm. Contact Peggy Smith for details.

MARCH 28, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at BACK PORCH

This month we will meet at The Back Porch. Reservation for this event is Sunday, March 26. Contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

APRIL 1, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

APRIL 2, PALM SUNDAY/CANTATA/EASTER EGG HUNT

All children are invited to open our worship with a Palm procession during worship, followed by our Annual Easter Egg Hunt event with Food, Crafts, Story time. Everyone is Welcome! Contact Peggy Smith for details.

APRIL 6, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at 7PM

APRIL 9, EASTER SUNDAY

"He is Risen!" Reminder to pick up your Easter Flowers after service.

SPRING CRAFT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW in CHOIR ROOM

The ladies are hand making the Spring items and the first batch is available in the Choir room! Be sure to look on the doors as well as the table for the cutest Spring crafts. They are adorable and will sell fast! More items will be added each week.

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

Find good used books in the Narthex. The cost is your donation. Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323.

MAY 4, THURSDAY 11AM, ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS

Mark your calendars for the popular and well attended Annual Salad Luncheon and Crafts/Book Sale this year for May 4, 11am-2pm. Contact Tomie O'Sullivan for more details.

MAY 21, GRADUATE SUNDAY

If you are a 2023 high school or college graduate, please contact the church office with this info: Name, graduation date, degree, future plans and i(4-5) mages. We want to create "through the years"

JULY 9—13, SAVE THE DATE: VBS "HERO HOTLINE"

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	Lyn Bucalo
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Pianist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Pianist	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel
Seminary Intern	Alfred Arthur

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or call the church office at (513) 844-1818 to submit your Easter flower orders.

Deadline is March 20

DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

April Newsletter deadline is March 20

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