



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

March 26, 2023, 9:30 am

Lenten Series

LOOKIN' FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES



Fifth Sunday in Lent
"Look for the Liberator"

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" Chris Beiser
Candle lighting by Lauren Leyrer and Kallie Theiss

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 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME Peggy Smith

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

Offertory Solo by Chris Beiser

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ANTHEM "Just As I Am (I Come Broken)" Chancel Choir

PSALTER

Psalms 130, with sung response

UMH 848

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Look for the Liberator"

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 the illusion of certainty, believing that if we just hold things very tightly, we will survive.

**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 "In God, there is steadfast love, and the great power to redeem."

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

"Love Lifted Me"

*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."

- 03/19 Janis Kiefer, cancer, and recovering from ulcers. In Mercy Fairfield.
- 03/19 Ruth Stanifer's cousin Matthew's 3 yr. old daughter, Ella, has an optic tumor; has begun chemo.
- 03/19 Charles Kemp Sr. admitted to hospital during his cancer treatments. Vitals are stabilized.
- 03/19 Goodman's family friend Kylie Hake is recovering from pneumonia after two surgeries.
- 03/19 Prayers for Terrill Broshear's friend, grieving the recent loss of her husband.
- 03/19 Terrill Broshear's sister Leah Menninger as she continues chemo treatments.
- 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 card to c/o Parkside, 908 Symmes Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014. We know has enjoyed receiving them! :)
- 03/09 Helen Brown had a terrible fall with broken nose in (2) places, lost (7) teeth and sprained wrist, she is 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 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.
- 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 Linda Prohaska's brother-in-law, Jimmy Holloman had open heart surgery, was placed on respirator, and has low blood pressure issues.
- 03/05 Linda Prohaska's brother.
- 03/05 David Brockfield's friend Paul Himes at home hospice.
- 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 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 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.

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

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

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 3/26 (*Filled Eggs are due today*)**

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

6:00 pm G.L.O.W. at Night (grades 1-5)

MONDAY, 3/27

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 3/28

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (*The Back Porch*)

6:30 pm SPRC meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 3/29

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, 3/30

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 3/31

SATURDAY, 4/01

9:00 am All Church Work Day—Helping Hands

9:00 am Youth Group volunteering at St. Mark's All Church Work Day

SUNDAY, 4/02 (*Palm Sunday/Cantata/Easter Egg Hunt*)

9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 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

After worship Easter Egg Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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

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

APRIL 1, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands 2023: There is an opportunity to serve with an All Church Work
Day. Jennie Marshall will serve as our Trustee coordinator this month. We will
clean up areas across the church, replace light bulbs, wipe down seats and
windows, weed the flower beds or any area that you've seen that needs
attention. We all can join in to help keep St. Mark's beautiful!

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.

This is the Easter Egg Event Timeline:

10:45—Craft in Fellowship Hall;

11:30—Easter story in the Sanctuary;

11:45—Easter Egg Hunt by Age Groups;

12-ish—Lunch served in the Picnic shelter area. See you there!

APRIL 6, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at 7PM

APRIL 9, EASTER SUNDAY

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

APRIL 21, FRIDAY, 1PM RUTH CIRCLE

Join us in Fellowship Hall. Women in today's world need a place to belong and a safe-haven where they can come together, and a setting where they can go to be re-fueled. Join us for Ruth Circle. For details contact Pam Guynes.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

One floral: Happy 12th Birthday Kaden Theiss (March 22), Love Nana

One floral: In Memory of Dan Hatton's Birthday, Love Marlis

DEADLINE FOR MAY 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 April 17

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