



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

April 16, 2023, 9:30 am

Peace  
I give to you.  
JOHN 14:27

# **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.*

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CENTERING                      *Quiet your hearts and minds, focusing on God's presence with anticipation.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed!**

I will say to God: "You are my God,  
and apart from you there is nothing worthwhile."

**Therefore my heart is happy and my spirits rise,  
you show me the path of life  
and in your company are the fullest joys.**

\*OPENING HYMN              "The Day of Resurrection"                      UMH 303

\*OPENING PRAYER (read responsively)

**Living God,  
long ago, faithful women  
proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection,  
and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them,  
that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep,  
and our faith as true. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Peggy Smith

SOLO

"Because He Lives"

Chris Beiser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy and loving God, you treat us not like the stern disciplinarian but like the forgiving parent who runs to embrace us when we've rebelled or disappointed. Your mercy gives us the opportunities to try again, to return into your grace, to pick ourselves up and brush ourselves off. You forget how many strikes we have against us but invite us back into the inheritance you desire for us. May our offering this day reflect our gratitude. In Christ, we pray. AMEN. (1 Peter 1:3-9)**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:29-31

HYMN

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

MESSAGE

"What's Next?"

Alfred Arthur

\*CLOSING HYMN

"O Living God"

Projected

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG

"Take Jesus With You:

Gary Weaver

\*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."*

- 4/11 JOY! Becky Hamblin's friend, Rich Mischell has made it home 5 months after a lung transplant.
- 04/05 Speedy recovery for all in the St. Mark's family who have Covid.
- 04/03 Our sincerest condolences for the family and friends of Vivian Brill who passed away on March 18, 2023.
- 04/02 Pam Guynes' dear friend Pat Anthony who has breast cancer that spread to her bones and liver.
- 04/02 Debbie Elston working through pain in back & leg.
- 03/29 Thank you Everyone from Karen Turner. Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts and prayers sent to me during my recent health issues.
- 03/26 Sharon Hamp's dear friend, Bill Renz has been in ICU at Christ hospital for 3 weeks. He has been like a father to her.
- 03/26 Ruth Stanifer's cousin Matthew's daughter Ella (3 yrs old), began chemo for optic tumor.
- 03/19 Janis Kiefer, cancer and recovering from ulcers.
- 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 has been experiencing increasing back pain.
- 03/12 Karen Turner as she continues radiation treatments.
- 03/12 Donna Hughes working through 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 as she recovers from 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 working through 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.

### **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](mailto: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:**

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 Zugelter (In home health care)

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)  
**TODAY, 4/16**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3  
10:45 am Youth Group

### **MONDAY, 4/17**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group  
11:00 am Retired Teachers meeting (Heritage Room)  
6:30 pm Women's Monday (Zoom) Bible Study

### **TUESDAY, 4/18**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 4/19**

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

### **THURSDAY, 4/20**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 4/21**

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle  
7:00 pm Youth Group Event—Mary Poppin's

### **SATURDAY, 4/22**

### **SUNDAY, 4/23**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3  
6:00 pm GLOW at Night

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APRIL 17—MAY, 6:30PM, WOMEN'S MONDAY (ZOOM) STUDY**

Starting April 17, Kym Nguyen will lead the Women's Monday Zoom Study Group. The name of the book is *"The Women of the Bible Speak"*. All are welcome to join in. For details contact Kym at [SKENEWY@aol.com](mailto:SKENEWY@aol.com).

### **APRIL 21, FRIDAY, 1PM RUTH CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Brenda Smoot will be leading the program titled: *"The Cross and Easter isn't over...ever!"* 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. Contact Pam Guynes at [Pamguynes2@gmail.com](mailto:Pamguynes2@gmail.com)

### **APRIL 23, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW at NIGHT (grades 1-5)**

The Children & Family Ministry will have G.L.O.W. at Night on April 23, at 6:00—7:30pm. Contact Peggy Smith for details.

### **APRIL 25, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at RIB CITY (Hamilton)**

This month we will meet at Rib City, 746 N.W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45013. **Reservation for this event is April 23.** Contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

### **APRIL 30, SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE (Chris Beiser & Linda Payne)**

Mark your calendars for a Special Sunday Service with the St. Mark's Music Ministry and Linda Payne's poetry.

### **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**

Please sign up for a salad recipe that you would like to bring to this event, located at the Welcome desk. Mark your calendars for the popular and well attended Annual Salad Luncheon and Crafts/Book Sale this year for May 4, 11am-2pm, \$10.00 per person. Contact Tomie O'Sullivan for more details.

**If you are watching online and would like to sign up to bring in a salad, please contact Sue McDaniel at smcdaniel13@hotmail.com.**

### **MAY 6, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS**

Helping Hands 2023: We have an opportunity to serve with an All Church Work Day. *Tonya Leguina is Trustee coordinator this month.* For May, we ask if you are able to bring a bag (or two) of BLACK MULCH for the flower beds. We will mulch as well as clean up areas around the church; replace light bulbs, wipe down seats and windows, or any area that you've seen that needs attention. Note that we have a list of small projects, see Tonya or Jennie Marshall for details. We all can join in to help keep St. Mark's beautiful!

### **MAY 6, BROKEN BUS MINISTRY**

We have an opportunity to volunteer at the Broken Bus by cooking a meal and/or helping serve that day. Contact Tari Randall.

### **MAY 11, THURSDAY, 12:30PM, SHARED HARVEST (volunteer)**

St. Mark's has a volunteer opportunity with Shared Harvest on Thursday, May 11 at 12:30—2:30PM. Contact Debbie Bryant for details. A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. We need 15 volunteers

### **MAY 12, SERVE CITY MEAL, SOUP THEME AND SERVE**

### **MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY AND HAT DAY**

Mark your calendars and wear your favorite hat on Mother's Day.

### **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 (4-5) images. 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
Directory of Youth Ministries	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 MAY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

**April Newsletter deadline is April 17**

### **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**

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