



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

May 7, 2023, 9:30 am



**As you come to Him, the Living Stone...
you also, like living stones,
are being built into a spiritual house"**

1 Peter 2:4-5 - NIV

Need TO A **ROCK**
IN THE MAKING OF A DISCIPLE

NextGate
A Community of Faith

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.*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God!

Take refuge in the Lord,
who listens when we cry out,

**who rescues us when we call,
and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing
love.**

You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.

Let's worship God together! Amen.

Written by Christine Longhurst, posted at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-for-easter-5.html>.

*OPENING HYMN "Standing On the Promises" UMH 374

*OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you
are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in the whole Church
that passionate desire for becoming more like Jesus and
being the instrument of the coming of your kingdom to
the world. May we all grow up together into him who is
our head, the Savior of the world. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Peggy Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Redeeming God, we dedicate these gifts to the work of kingdom building. Even more, we offer ourselves as material for this work. Imperfect as we are, we know with Christ as the cornerstone, you can build your vision of mercy, justice, peace, and compassion here in our midst. In Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 2:2-10

MESSAGE "A Living Hope" Pastor Joe

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" vv. 1-3 UMH 604

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION INTO ST. MARK'S UMC

HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" v 4 UMH 604

HOLY COMMUNION *All are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

Invitation: As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another, with our Christian family around the world, and with the risen Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Responses on UMH 15
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH 641

*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."

- 04/30 Cheryl Klug had a catheter ablation procedure on May 5.
- 04/30 Jeff Gering for medical concerns
- 04/23 Elaine Shreve's son, Christopher Shreve having heart symptoms. He recently had Cardiac Catheterization.
- 04/23 Helen Brown had cardioversion on April 27.
- 04/23 Jenni Hensler's friend who is dealing with major health concerns with both of her parents.
- 04/23 Jenni Hensler's sister-in-law, a breast cancer survivor who has a spot on one of her ribs.
- 04/23 Continued prayers for Roger Roark transferred to Bethesda Hospital being treated for double pneumonia.
- 04/23 Ruth Stanifer's cousin Matthew's 3 year old daughter Ella received her 6th chemo treatment for optic tumor.
- 04/16 Continued prayers for Mark Huffman who is battling Desmoplastic Melanoma & currently receiving chemo treatments.
- 04/16 Mark Hensler had some tests, pray they are favorable.
- 04/11 JOY! Becky Hamblin's friend, Rich Mischell has made it home 5 months after a lung transplant.
- 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 weeks. He has been like a father to her.
- 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 Donna Hughes working through some medical issues.
- 03/12 Nancy & Wade Lewis, members since 1974, are moving in to the condos at Berkeley Square in June, prayers for a safe & easy transition.

- 03/12 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! :)
- 03/12 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.
- 03/12 Pam Guynes' sister-in-law Wanda Spurlock working through some medical challenges.

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
 Lois Hill
 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
TODAY, 5/07

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
11:00 am Fellowship Hall reserved

MONDAY, 5/08

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Women's Monday (Zoom) Bible Study

TUESDAY, 5/09

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
7:00 pm Administrative Board

WEDNESDAY, 5/10

- 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, 5/11

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
12:30 pm Shared Harvest
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 5/12

- Serve City Meal "Side Dishes"
5:00 pm Youth Fun Night Out

SATURDAY, 5/13

SUNDAY, 5/14 (Mother's Day—Hat Day)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 8, 6:30PM, WOMEN'S MONDAY (ZOOM) STUDY

All are welcome! We are discussing the book, *"The Women of the Bible Speak,"* led by Kym Nguyen. For details contact Kym at SKENEWY@aol.com.

MAY 11, THURSDAY, 12:30-2:30 PM, SHARED HARVEST (volunteer)

Come volunteer at Shared Harvest on May 11. Sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. We need 15 volunteers. Contact Debbie Bryant for details.

MAY 12, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY MEAL, "SIDE DISHES"

MAY 12, FRIDAY, 5-8PM, YOUTH GROUP FUN NIGHT OUT

MAY 14, SUN., MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, WEAR FAVORITE HAT DAY

Today, celebrate Mother's Day by wearing your favorite hat to church. This will be a fun and unique way to socialize with each other.

MAY 18, THURSDAY 6:30PM LADIES NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Join us for food & fellowship with a "CARRY in PICNIC" at our church shelter. The CYF Committee will provide City BBQ & drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign up & let us know what you are bringing at the Welcome Center. We need an estimated number of ladies attending. Let Sue Luken know if you would like a ride and it will be arranged. *Note: RAIN DATE is May 25.*

MAY 19, FRIDAY, 12PM RUTH'S CIRCLE & LUNCHEON

Bring a covered dish (side item), appetizer, or dessert to share this month. Entrée & drinks provided by Ruth's Circle. For details contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com

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"

MAY 21, SUNDAY, 4-6 PM DISTRICT SPRING CELEBRATION

Laity & clergy of the district come together to recognize transitions in ministry: retirements, new appointments, leadership, recognitions, etc. It's a celebration of our connectional life together. Join us for an afternoon of worship, reflection and celebration with a cookie reception here at St. Mark's UMC.

MAY 21, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW at NIGHT (grade 1-5)

The Children & Family Ministry (CYF) will have GLOW at Night 6:00—7:30pm. Let's have a night of fun & games, bring a friend and a beach towel! Contact Peggy Smith for details. Save dates: June 11.

MAY 23, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at SNOW'S LAKESIDE

4344 Dry Ridge Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45252, **Reservations for this event are due May 21.** Contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807. This will be the last luncheon before summer break and we will resume in September.

JUNE 3, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS

Bill Dichtl is Trustee coordinator this month. We have a list of small projects; replace light bulbs, wipe down seats and windows, etc. More details to come. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224.

JUNE, BROKEN BUS MINISTRY

Bring a meal or desserts for the Broken Bus. Contact Tari Randall (513)518-2210

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 JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

June Newsletter deadline is May 15-19

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