



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

June 11, 2023, 9:30 am

life
is a
journey

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	<i>Quiet your hearts and minds, focusing on God's presence with anticipation.</i>	
PRELUDE		Sue Combs
WELCOME		Pastor Joe

SOLO	"Bless This House"	Linda Payne
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*CALL TO WORSHIP		Alfred Arthur
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We are met in the presence of God

And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven

We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith

God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people

God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.

And we do not journey alone.

*OPENING HYMN	"How Great Thou Art"	UMH 77
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*OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, you gave us our voices, no two the same.

As you did with Abraham and Sarah, you take and touch our lives, and they can become extraordinary.

In your Church you have gathered us, imperfect as we are. You have called us and made a place for us.

**So let what we say and do here,
what we ponder and decide here,**

**be real for us and honest to you,
as you prepare us for the life of the world in which you
are praised. Amen.**

~ from Journey of Steadfast Love: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Lent, written by the Rev. Daniel B. Randall. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Peggy Smith

ANTHEM

"Shout to the Lord"

Choir and Bells

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Bell Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church. May it be a blessing to our community and world, as you have so richly blessed us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-3

MESSAGE

"Life is a Journey"

Pastor Joe

FAREWELL TO PASTOR AND CONGREGATION

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Blest BE the Tie That Binds"

UMH 557

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

"Take Jesus With You"

Written and composed by Gary Weaver

***POSTLUDE**

STAY FOR THE PICNIC!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 6/04 Continued prayers and wholeness for John Smith who is recovering from a serious fall and is receiving therapy.
- 6/04 A Joy! Ruth Stanifer's cousin Matthew's 3 year old daughter Ella received her 9th chemo treatment for optic tumor. The joy we share is that it is shrinking! Thank you for your continued prayers.
- 6/04 Praising God! Sue Luken's brother Randy was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma but his doctor says it is treatable as well as curable! Please continue prayers as he begins chemo treatments.
- 6/04 Brenda's sister Linda as she recovers from having facial surgery due to skin cancer.
- 6/04 Brockfield's friend, Rob Pohlman who has throat cancer is in hospital for cardiac arrest.
- 6/04 Doug Ewald recovering from knee replacement on June 9.
- 6/04 "Jade", a 14 year old run away.
- 6/04 A Joy! Jeff Gering is recovering well and working through PT like a champ as he heals from shoulder surgery (May 19) as well as some other medical concerns. It's Great News! Let us be in prayer for those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the lives of these persons:
Charles Kemp Sr, who passed away on May 29, services were held on June 10.
Carolyn Janosik, who passed away on May 29, services were held on June 9.
Ardean Pitman, who passed away on May 27. A memorial service for Ardean will be in the sanctuary of St. Mark's UMC, June 15 at 11:30am. Visitation at 11:00am. The Rev. Joe Hadley presiding.
- 05/28 Thank you and we appreciate the prayers for Rick Marshall. The surgery went well, but the post surgery got a little scary. God wrapped his arms around us and all is well now. Rick is recovering at home.
- 05/28 Pam Guynes' good friend Pat Anthony passed away last week. Prayers and sympathy for all of the family and friends during this time of grief.
- 05/28 Linda Prohaska was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 05/28 Prayers for my sister who is having kidney problems.
- 05/28 Sue Luken's older brother Randy dealing with health issues; kidneys, swelling in legs, and waiting for biopsy results.
- 05/25 Sarah Luken participate & completed 120 bicycle miles of the Police Unity Tour (New Jersey to Washington D.C.)

- 05/21 Kaden & Kallie's great grandma, Loretta Poe who is in Hospice.
- 05/21 The Zoz Family is grieving a recent loss of their 38 year old daughter who had a seizure while sleeping. Our condolences and prayers of strength and love to the entire family and friends.
- 05/21 Belinda Peter's daughter, Cynthia recovering from surgery.
- 05/21 Iris Jones' son-in-law, Tim Beltz had a recent procedure that is working well so far. He is moving around now.
- 05/21 Roger Roark continues to gradually improve and is now home recovering!
- 05/21 Nancy & Wade Lewis, members since 1974, are moving in to the condos at Berkeley Square in June, prayers for a safe & easy transition.

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.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory
 For Pastor Joe and Linda Payne
 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
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)
 Jeff Gering
 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
 Parkside Residents
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Brenda Smoot

St. Mark's Homebound:

Jean Cottrill
 Freida Hawkins
 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, 6/11

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3

After worship Pastor Joe Retirement Celebration Picnic

MONDAY, 6/12

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

TUESDAY, 6/13

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

WEDNESDAY, 6/14

7:30 am Men's Prayer group

THURSDAY, 6/15

11:00 am **Visitation for Ardean Pitman**
11:30 am **Memorial Service for Ardean Pitman**
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 6/16

SATURDAY, 6/17

SUNDAY, 6/18 (Special Guest: Rev. McIntire and Ms. Bell)

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP, RETIREMENT CELEBRATION PICNIC

Pastor Joe's last Sunday at St. Mark's is Today! Following worship please join Joe and Linda at the picnic shelter for a cookout: hamburgers and hotdogs, sides, and of course...desserts. The picnic tables will be up, but you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs if you have them in case there is a crowd. The Nurture & Care Committee is hosting this gathering. Y'ALL COME.

JUNE 12, MONDAY, 6:30PM, WOMEN'S (ZOOM) STUDY

Last night of this series, we are discussing the book, *"The Women of the Bible Speak"* led by Kym Nguyen. For details contact Kym at SKENEWY@aol.com

JUNE 18 (Father's Day), CHRIS & SUE SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

Chris and Sue are having a special Music Sunday.

Following Worship: An informal congregational information meeting/question answer session regarding sharing sanctuary and classroom space with New Covenant United Methodist Church.

JUNE 25, Our seminary intern, Alfred Arthur will preach (this will be his last official day as intern).

Between JUNE 12-30, the Rev. Joe Hadley, retired clergy, will be on call to officiate any funerals that may possibly occur between Pastor Joe's departure and the arrival of Pastor Mark.

JUNE 25 & 28, VBS TRAINING

Contact Peggy Smith for details

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

Matt Snyder 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.

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

Contact Peggy Smith for details

JULY 29, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board to volunteer at Matthew 25. For more details, contact Lynne Schumacher at lynneshoe@icloud.com.

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
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:

*"In Celebration and Appreciation of
Pastor Joe and Linda Payne"*

AND

*"May this new adventure in your lives bring peace and
happiness. We will miss you!"*

Love, Your brothers and sisters and their spouses

DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

July Newsletter deadline is June 19

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