



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

June 25, 2023, 9:30 am



Freely, Let Go!

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.*

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sue Combs

WELCOME Alfred Arthur

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who need help!

Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Come, all who desire blessing!

Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

Come, all who long for salvation!

Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

Amen

*OPENING HYMN "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

*OPENING PRAYER

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Peggy Smith

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Requests

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty, and most merciful God from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you. Enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 21:14-21

Romans 6:1-11

SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

Emma Arthur

MESSAGE

"Freely, Let Go!"

Alfred Arthur

CLOSING WORDS

Mark Hensler

*CLOSING HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

UMH 327

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"Take Jesus With You"

*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."*

- 6/18 Men's prayer group: Thank you Alfred Arthur for being part of the group and we welcome Dave Brockfield who has recently joined our group.
- 6/18 Kurt Phillippo who is dealing with heart issues.
- 6/18 Safe travels to Marlis Hatton as she returns home.
- 6/18 Belinda Peters' brother-in-law James Hinson, who passed away recently. Please keep the family and friends in your prayers and we send our condolences and sympathy to them during this difficult time.
- 6/18 Safe travels for Pam Brockfield as she travels to Scotland and back home.
- 6/18 Susan Bunte, for recovery from surgical procedure and outcome.
- 6/18 Wade & Nancy Lewis are moved into Berkeley Square Retirement Community and all went well. Thank you for all of the prayers and concerns as everyone prepared them to move. This is their new address: 27 Patriot Crescent, Hamilton, OH 45013.
- 6/11 Joey Specht's girlfriend Sydney after having knee surgery.
- 6/11 Gail Phelps battling cancer.
- 6/11 Doug Ewald as he recovers from knee surgery June 9.
- 6/11 Terrill Broshear's mother-in-law Viola Pater hurt her back.
- 6/11 Andrew Meister, a young man having brain surgery to hopefully reduce his seizures.
- 6/11 For the family, friends, and students of Choral director Jeff Clark who passed away on June 6 after a brief battle with colon cancer.
- 6/11 Prayers for all who are going through difficult times and feeling overwhelmed or depressed.
- 6/11 Debi Brewer had open heart bypass surgery on June 12. Pray that she has a quick recovery.
- 6/11 Continued prayers for those grieving the loss of their loved ones and remember in thanksgiving the lives of these persons:
Charles (Charlie) Kemp Sr. 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, services were held on June 15.
- 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 Continued prayers and wholeness for John Smith who is recovering from a serious fall and is receiving therapy.
- 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 "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!
- 05/28 Linda Prohaska was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 05/28 Pam Guynes' good friend Pat Anthony passed away. Prayers and sympathy for all of the family and friends during this time of grief.
- 05/28 Sue Luken's older brother Randy dealing with health issues; kidneys, swelling in legs, and waiting for biopsy results.
- 05/28 Kaden & Kallie's great grandma, Loretta Poe who is in 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 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, 6/25

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Alfred & Emma Arthur Celebration in fellowship hall.
After worship VBS Training

MONDAY, 6/26

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 6/27

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 6/28

7:30 am Men's Prayer group

6:30 pm VBS Training

THURSDAY, 6/29

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 6/30

SATURDAY, 7/01

9:00 am All Church "Helping Hands" Work Day

SUNDAY, 7/02 Pastor Mark Gregory first day

9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 25, AFTER WORSHIP, IN APPRECIATION & THANK YOU

St. Mark's Seminary Intern, Alfred Arthur last day to preach and intern. Let's thank the Arthur Family by celebrating them in Fellowship Hall after worship.

JUNE 25, SIGN UP MEALS FOR PASTOR MARK & DIANA

We will be are looking for people to cook a meal, brings side/s, dessert/s, etc for the week of June 27 through July 3 while Pastor Mark & Diana move into the Parsonage. Please sign up at the Welcome Counter on the sign up sheet so that we have an idea of who is bringing what item and the day. Thank you in advance for making this move a little easier for St. Mark's new family.

JUNE 25 & 28, 6:30PM, VBS TRAINING AND DECORATING

Contact Peggy Smith for details.

JUNE 25—30, Rev. Joe Hadley, retired clergy, will be on call to officiate any funerals that may possibly occur before the arrival of Pastor Mark.

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

Matt Snyder is Trustee coordinator this month. This month we plan to help clean out and organize the 2nd floor office and storage space. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224 for details. Contact Matt Snyder for questions.

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.

JULY 30, After Worship, LADIES FELLOWSHIP-FINDLAY MARKET

Hey Ladies, we are planning to carpool down to Findlay Market for lunch and shopping on July 30. For more details contact Sue Luken. More details will be coming soon. A sign up sheet will be at the Welcome counter on July 2.

A NOTE FROM SPRC:

Dear St. Mark's Family,
Alfred's last Sunday with us is June 25. While we are sad to see the Arthur family go, we are happy for this next step in Alfred's journey to become a pastor. They will be missed by all of us, and we want to show them how much we appreciate them and their time at St. Mark's.

We will be collecting a love offering for the Arthurs. If you would like to contribute, we encourage you to give your gift directly to Alfred. If you prefer it to be anonymous, please place cash or checks payable to Alfred in an envelope marked "Gift for the Arthurs" in the offering plate Today. We will then present this love offering to Alfred during worship on June 25.

Please do not make any checks payable to St. Mark's.

Thank You!

Jennifer Rinker, Chairperson
Staff-Parish Relations Committee

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

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

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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|--------|-----------------|
| Sound | Rick Kiefer |
| Camera | Mark Hensler |
| Screen | Jennie Marshall |

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*"In Celebration and Appreciation of
St. Mark's Seminary Intern, Alfred Arthur and his family"
Thank you and may God bless all of you!*

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 due now!

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