



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Communion Sunday, March 3, 2024, 9:30am



Sermon Title "Fess Up: The Grace We Need"

Worship with us In-person and Live-stream



<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

Streaming worship on Facebook and YouTube at
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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.*

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Sue Combs

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Turn away from the calls of worldly success

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from greed and the race for power

Repent, and turn back to God.

As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God

May we seek forgiveness, May we seek healing, May we seek wholeness. May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" UMH 363
(vs.1-3)

***OPENING PRAYER**

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole hearts, for your glory is above the heavens;

From the rising of the sun to it setting, we will praise the name of the Lord!

You raise the poor from the dust and lift the needy from the ash heap, transforming them with glory and honor;

From the rising of the sun to it setting, we will praise the name of the Lord!

You bring fruitfulness from barrenness and give homes to the solitary;

From the rising of the sun to it setting, we will praise the name of the Lord!

Who is like our God, the One who looks down from the heights on the heavens on the earth?

From the rising of the sun to it setting, we will praise the name of the Lord!

This is our God, the Holy One. Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Peggy Smith

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT "Feel The Nails"

Chris Beiser

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come Let Us Return to the Lord"

*HYMN "I Surrender All"

UMH 354
(vs. 3,4)

SCRIPTURE: "Matthew 6:14-15; 7:1-5"

SERMON "Fess Up: The Grace We Need" Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN "Nothing But The Blood" UMH 362

*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."*

- 02/27 Rich Turner's mother-in-law passed away. She was 91 yrs.
- 02/25 Prayers for Donna Armstrong's 16 year old great grandson who is had surgery to remove infected tubes in his ears.
- 02/25 Gale Goodman's dad, Bob who is in the hospital with several medical issues.
- 02/25 Virginia Shaw was in the hospital for testing.
- 02/25 Prayers for a co-workers daughter, Ashley. She delivered a healthy baby boy, Parker recently but she has been fighting for her life since.
- 02/25 Missy LaMar's co-worker, Mark had a recent heart valve replacement and is recovering.
- 02/25 Jim Jones' son was at UC Hospital recovering from an infection on his incision located on his back.
- 02/25 Pastor Mark's mother is now back home but still needs lots of prayers. If you want to send a card or uplifting note her address is: 9991 Pebbleknoll Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45252.
- 02/18 Nancy Lewis was admitted to Ft. Hamilton ICU for heart failure on Feb15. They took a liter of fluid off her heart.
- 02/18 Linda Fenzel nephew who began Chemo Feb 20.
- 02/18 Sue Beckett sister-in-law in Columbus failing health.
- 02/14 Linda Prohaska requests "For a special little lady to have good test results" PRAISE THE LORD, we have good results!
- 02/14 Freida Hawkins has shingles and needs our prayers.
- 02/14 Don Kemen's mother, Billie is doing pretty well and it now located at Gatewood for rehab.
- 02/14 Jean Cottrill had a fall and broke her hip.
- 02/11 Dianne Aiken's neighbors to continue prayers for Gene & De whose house burned down a couple weeks ago.
- 02/11 Lois Hill had a fall, thankfully no broken bones and is at Doverwood for rehab.
- 02/11 Paul Schutte is in need of personal prayers and would like to hear from you.
- 02/11 Patty Coyle and her son Tim in the recent loss of his wife.
- 02/11 David & Pam Brockfield's friend Libby who has COPD & is in the hospital with RSV.
- 02/04 Elaine Shreve's grandson is having personal problems.
- 02/04 Helen Bowman is recovering from an injured eye.
- 02/04 Carly Resendey for a successful surgery.
- 02/04 Susan Bunte's friends 24 year old son was diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- 02/04 Wade Lewis results after bone marrow biopsy:
He has Myelodysplastic syndrome. It's considered a low level cancer. He will receive weekly injections of a synthetic hormone to help his body make platelets. The family thanks everyone for the cards and prayers.

- 02/04 Tomie's family in prayer after the death of her grandson. May you all receive peace, comfort and support.
- 01/28 Belinda Peters' former co-worker family member passed away. Prayers to all the family and friends and our condolences.
- 01/28 Belinda Peters' friend with Melanoma and a neighbor.
- 01/28 Mike Fitzpatrick as he continues to recover.
- 01/28 Pray for Donna Williams, Kallie Theiss' teacher's mom is having health issues.
- 01/28 Brooke Becker's dad as he recovers from heart surgery. Prayers as we mourn the loss of a close family friend.

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.

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| For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory | Iris Jones and her son Tim |
| All service Men & Women | Cliff Klug |
| Our Country | Wade Lewis |
| First Responders | Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter) |
| United Methodist Church | Linda Prohaska |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups | Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
(Linda Prohaska's brother) |
| For the sick and/or homeless | Parkside Residents |
| Terrill Broshear | Brenda Smoot |
| Helen Bowman | |
| Patty Coyle | |
| Sharon Hamp | |

St. Mark's Homebound:

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| Jean Cottrill | Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square) |
| Freida Hawkins | Zedith Pottenger |
| Gale Logan—Otterbein Community | Jean Stivers |
| Nancy & Wade Lewis | Virginia Shaw |
| Flo Moore (Berkeley Square) | Paul Schutte |
| Eleanor McCollum | Betty Stover (NY in home hospice) |
| | Betty Winkler |

REMINDER! MATTHEW 25 EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

We continue to collect "empty" prescription bottles in the Narthex (see box in corner) for Matthew 25 Ministries. Please remember to clean the bottles both inside and out; remove all labels and no glue.

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 03/03 (Communion Sunday)**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion and Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W., Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 03/04

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 6:30 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study (IN PERSON, FELLOWSHIP HALL)

TUESDAY, 03/05

- 6:30 pm CYF Group
- 7:00 pm Trustees
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960 (Youth room)

WEDNESDAY, 03/06

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

THURSDAY, 03/07

- 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 03/08

SATURDAY, 03/08

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 03/09

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 4, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (IN PERSON)

Join us for our ongoing Bible study thru book of Samuel, held every Monday either in-person or via Zoom. Feel free to join at any time; no requirements, just participate as it suits you. Weekly study questions foster discussion and shared learning. Since the beginning of the year, we've nearly completed 100 days of learning and sharing. Contact Kym Nguyen.

MARCH 6, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

As our Wednesday Group Bible Study continues to grow, we encourage you to join us for an enriching journey through the Bible. Contact Sue McDaniel.

MARCH 10, UMCOR SUNDAY- SPECIAL COLLECTION

Be part of our UMCOR Sunday special collection, making a difference in disaster relief and global development through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

MARCH, HELP TO FILL EASTER EGGS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

We are asking for your help to fill Easter Eggs with INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED candy, stickers, tattoos, etc.! Beginning Feb. 25 in the front Narthex, we will have the empty eggs bagged with 2 dozen; each available for you to take home, fill and then return them by March 17. We could not offer this fun event without your support! We know you will "HOP" at the opportunity to serve our children, grandchildren and the children in our local community! Contact Peggy or Sue.

MARCH 10, HAMILTON PRIDE DRAG BRUNCH, 11AM

The Room at the Table Committee is going on a field trip to Basil 1791 on High Street in Hamilton for the Taylor Swift vs. Beyonce Drag Brunch hosted by Hamilton Pride. The event is on March 10 at 11am. The committee aims to collaborate with Hamilton Pride to share God's love and introduce them to St. Mark's as a safe place to worship. Attending this event will allow us to meet some of their members. *This event is open to the public but is for those 18 and over only.* The deadline for purchasing tickets at discounted rate of \$25, which includes brunch, March 2. After March 2, the tickets will be \$28. Copy and paste this link in your browser to purchase tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taylor-swift-v-beyonce-drag-brunch-tickets-804297995957>

MARCH 15, FRIDAY, 1-2:30PM, RUTH CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join Ruth Circle for a nurturing community where women connect, support, and grow together. Meet in Fellowship Hall monthly to strengthen faith, nurture friendships, and encourage one another. Contact: Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com.

MARCH 18, DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month. APRIL 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, MARCH 18!

MARCH 23, SATURDAY, 2:00PM, ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon, with a rain/snow date of March 30th, 2pm. Join us for crafts, the Easter Story, and age-group egg hunts. Contact Peggy Smith

MARCH 24, PALM SUNDAY/CANTATA/PALM PROCESSION

Join us for a meaningful Palm Sunday experience, where we will carry palms in procession in the Sanctuary, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Also, the Chancel Choir will present Easter Cantata "The Risen Christ"

MARCH 26, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH (TWIN DRAGON BUFFET)

Here is your opportunity to try something new, in a buffet, around 200 items. Buffet is \$11.99. For those that don't like Chinese food, there are plenty of American foods. *Address: 7763 Tylersville Road, West Chester 45069.* Reservations need to be made by March 24. Contact Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807.

MARCH 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7PM

Join us for a reflective Maundy Thursday service at 7pm, as we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper and his commandment to love one another.

MARCH 31, EASTER SUNDAY

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 116
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,702.77</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,768.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 985.14
	<u>\$3,753.14</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$415.00
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

UMCOR SUNDAY

MARCH 10



United Methodist Committee On Relief

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 23, 2024 at 2PM

* (Raindate: March 30 at 2PM)



Create memories with us this Easter Season and discover the true meaning of Easter!

CRAFTS &
ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES

JOIN US FOR
THE EASTER
STORY

FREE EVENT
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