




ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



March 24, 2024, 9:30am



The *Risen* Christ

Choir and Orchestra Cantata

March 24 at 9:30AM

Palm Sunday and Cantata

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 sign the Attendance Pad in your pew and pass it along. Return it to its original place when finished, noting those present with you. Greet one another after the worship service! Please offer a warm welcome to those who are visitors.

For prayer requests, find Prayer Cards in the pew racks. Completed cards will be collected during the opening hymn and shared during our prayer time.

*An * indicates a time to rise, if you are able, in body and/or spirit.*

Congregation responses are in bold and projected.

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Thine is the Glory" Mark Engel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem tells us that after his celebrated arrival, He went into the Temple and looked around. As we gather here for worship today, may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in, too, and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory "The Old Rugged Cross" Sherry Randall

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CANTATA "The Risen Christ"

Written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

Music Arranged by Dave Williamson

Director of Music: Chris Beiser

Assistant Director/Accompanist: Sue Combs

Narrators: Chelsey Cavender, Bob Hamp

Sound: Rick Kiefer

Orchestra Members:

Violin: Sherry Randall, Samantha Coning

Viola: Deborah Koehler

Cello: Caitlyn McGlynn

Flute: Kayla Goodman

Horn: Andrew Osborn

Trumpet: Mark Engel

Bass: Tim Cornelius

Percussion: Dick Roemer

Piano: Sue Combs

"The Risen Christ"

Penny Dole, Soloist

Scene 1: We Were Witnesses

"Across The Lands"

Scene 2: Jesus, Calls His Disciples

"Hear The Call of the Kingdom"

Mark Hensler, Soloist

Scene 3: Jesus Builds His Church

"Speak, O Lord"

Scene 4: Jesus is Arrested: Tried and Led to Golgotha

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

(Duet) Heather Chambers and Eric Leyrer

Scene 5: Jesus, Is Crucified

"The Power of the Cross"

Scene 6: Jesus Is Risen

"See, What A Morning" (Resurrection Hymn)

Scene 7: Jesus, Commissions His Church

"O Church, Arise with In Christ Alone"

*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."

- 03/21 Patty Coyle's son, Tim, is in ICU with sepsis. He is dealing with A-Fib and a kidney stone and needs a lot of prayers.
- 03/20 Iris Jones is facing possible surgery again due to pins and screws unraveling in her arm. She is requesting all the prayers as she navigates through it all and for comfort.
- 3/20 Ann Brabbs is recovering from surgery and is now located at Huntington Court, 350 Hancock Ave., Hamilton, OH 45011
- 03/17 A good friend dealing with alcoholism.
- 03/17 Jennie Marshall's 59-year-old cousin, Tammy Goble, who passed away unexpectedly on March 11. Please pray for the family and friends as we send our sympathies, peace, and God's comfort.
- 03/17 Nicole Specht's friend had twins at 22 weeks; one of the baby twins passed away. Please pray for their family and baby, Henry, for strength.
- 03/17 Tim Beltz is now at Jamestown for rehab after having surgery. The family is in need of a lot of prayers.
- 03/17 Ann Brabbs as she continues to recover from surgery that was on March 13. Prayers as she regains her strength through the long recovery process.
- 03/13 Jean Cottrill has been moved to Trustwell and has been living there for a short while. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she is recovering from a broken hip.
- 03/07 Gale Goodman's dad, Bob, was back in the ER with several medical issues. Please continue to pray for him.
- 03/04 Our hearts go out to Pastor Mark, Diana, and their family and friends in the passing of Patricia Weedman (Pastor Mark's mother) on March 4. May you find comfort in cherished memories and the love that surrounds you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Services were held on Friday, March 8.
- 03/03 Continued prayers for a co-worker's daughter, Ashley, as she recovers. It's been 2 weeks since she gave birth and she has been in a coma, has had open heart surgery, and has beaten the doctor's odds regarding her survival.
- 03/03 Lord, hear our prayers and guide us as the job search continues, keep our spirits up, and show us the door to what is next.
- 03/03 Please pray for Kristy Theiss's friend's mother who had breast cancer surgery on March 5.
- 02/27 Rich Turner's mother-in-law passed away. She was 91 years old. Our condolences to the family, and may they have peace.
- 02/25 Prayers for Donna Armstrong's 16-year-old great grandson who has had surgery to remove infected tubes in his ears.

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

St. Mark's Homebound:

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, 03/24 (Palm Sunday and Easter Cantata)**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Congregation in Fellowship Hall for the most important birthdays.

11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 03/25

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, 03/26

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Twin Dragon Buffet)
7:00 pm SPRC (Heritage Room)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960

WEDNESDAY, 03/27

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am Ruth's Walk off Weight Class (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 pm Bible Study Group
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 03/28 (Maundy Thursday)

11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 03/29

SATURDAY, 03/30

2:00 pm *Easter Egg Hunt (Rain-date)*
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 03/31 (Easter Sunday)

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 24, SUNDAY, AFTER WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP HALL BIRTHDAY BATTLE

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the worship service for the ultimate birthday battle: "The Most Important Birthday in March 2024." Throughout March, we've enjoyed the friendly competition between Pastor Mark (March 19) and our Music Director, Chris Beiser (March 20). Who will claim the all-time title or be crowned the March birthday champ? The winner is determined by who has the least amount of cake left (NO throw-aways or to-go boxes included), so be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall to cast your vote by indulging in a delicious piece of cake! Participants decide by how much cake they eat.

MARCH 25, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Join us for our ongoing Bible study through the books 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 have completed 100 days of learning and sharing the Bible! Contact Kym Nguyen.

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

Here is your opportunity to try something new in a buffet: about 200 items. Buffet is \$11.99. For those who 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 27, WEDNESDAY, 10AM, RUTH's WALKING CLASS, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us every Wed. morning to "Walk off the Weight Class" where we stroll, kick, and sidestep our way towards healthier lifestyles together. Contact Ruth Ritenbaugh.

MARCH 27, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Pop in any week as we come together to discuss and study the book of Acts. Please note there is no meeting on April 3, but we will resume on April 10. Contact Sue McDaniel.

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 30, 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 31, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 28, APRIL 11 & 25, THURSDAY, ROOM AT THE TABLE (RATT), 6:30PM

We meet via Zoom on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month. For more details, text, e-mail, or call Zach Dichtl at (513) 446-5740 or zdichtl@purdue.edu to join in.

APRIL 12, SERVE CITY 4:45PM, BREAKFAST FOR DINNER THEME

Breakfast for Dinner meal theme, bring in your meals and goodies by 4:45pm. This give us time to pack the car and to set up at the location. Contact: Lyn Bucalo

APRIL BROKEN BUS (TENTATIVE)

We will announce the date as soon as it is confirmed. Contact Tari Randall.

APRIL 26, FRIDAY, 7:00PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Ladies, we invite you to join us for a "First Person" presentation of Ohioan Annie Oakley by Joyce Browning from nearby Heritage Village. It's sure to be a great and informative time of fellowship together! Dessert is provided. A nominal fee of \$5.00 per person to cover our presenter's fee. Feel free to invite your friends to join us. We would love to have a great turnout for our speaker's time and effort! The sign -up -sheet is at the Welcome Center beginning on March 31. (You can pay ahead or on the night of the event, but we would like to have an idea of how many to plan for.)

JUNE 9-13, VBS, 6:30-8:30PM

Please mark your calendars with the revised VBS date that is now June 9-13. Contact: Peggy.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 17, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 105

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs \$7,366.76

Weekly In-Person Giving \$8,171.34

Weekly On-Line Giving \$ 947.62

\$9,118.96

Special—Designated Giving* \$480.00

**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*One for: Happy "heavenly" Birthday Dan Hatton (3/25)
Love, Marlis*

One for: Happy 13th Birthday, Kaden Theiss. Love, Nana!

Annual Spring Salad Lunchon and Crafts

Sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies

**May 2, 2024 (Thursday)
11am—1:30pm**



\$10.00
per person

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church
4601 Fairfield Ave. 45014**

DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

MAY 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, APRIL 15!

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