



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**EASTER Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:30am**



**Sermon Title: "A Real Easter... "**

**Worship with us In-person and Live-stream**



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

Streaming worship on Facebook and YouTube at  
[www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](http://www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks)

## **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 \* 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**

On this Easter morning of now-it's-done darkness we lift our hearts with praise; we open our lives with joy!

We thank you for our Saviour, the Light of the world, who has brought death to death, and life to life.

We come into your presence with singing, our hearts echoing the chorus of the ages: "Hosanna! Alleluia forever and ever!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302  
(Vs. 1-4)

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to You, our creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity.

We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people of Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Even when we turned away from You, You never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets. You promised to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people: a feast of life-giving sustenance.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, Your Word Incarnate made Flesh. Born of Mary, He shares our life. Eating with sinners, He welcomes us. Leading His followers, He guides us. Dying on the cross, He rescues us. Risen from the dead, He gives new life.

Most resilient God, Source of all that is eternally raised up, we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory Chancel Choir  
Resurrection Hymn: "See What a Morning"

Doxology  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Power of the Cross"

\*HYMN "He Lives" UMH 310  
(vs. 1&3)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8

SERMON "A Real Easter..." Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN "Up From the Grave, He Arose" UMH 322

\*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."*

- 03/27 UPDATE: Patty Coyle's son, Tim, is now home but still not doing well. They could only treat the nose bleed, and none of the other things. He did have a CT scan and the result was okay. Please continue to pray. He is dealing with A-Fib and a kidney stone.
- 03/27 UPDATE: Iris Jones, Thank the good Lord that no surgery is required! She will wear an arm brace and do occupational therapy.
- 03/24 Tonya & Pablo Leguina's son's brother-in-law, who is dealing with severe and debilitating depression and other mental health related issues. He has left the US and is currently being treated in India.
- 03/24 Virginia Shaw is now at Trustwell Living at Fairfield Place located at 2357 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014.
- 03/24 Don & Cheryl Kemen mother, Billie Ingel, is now at Trustwell Living at Fairfield Place, located at 2357 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014, Room #120.
- 03/24 Pray for a broken family from Lois Hill.
- 03/24 Travel mercies for the Fairfield Show Choirs traveling from Nashville, TN.-Jennie Marshall.
- 03/24 Jennie Marshall's dad, Glen Mason, who has the flu and a spot on his lung. CT scan this week.
- 03/20 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.
- 03/13 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 Please pray for Kristy Theiss's friend's mother who had breast cancer surgery on March 5.

### **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](mailto: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	Iris Jones
First Responders	Cliff Klug
United Methodist Church	Wade Lewis
Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
For the sick and/or homeless	Linda Prohaska
Terrill Broshear	Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)	Parkside Residents
Helen Bowman	Brenda Smoot
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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)  
TODAY, 03/31 (Easter Sunday)**

- 9:30 am 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, 04/01**

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

### **TUESDAY, 04/02**

- 6:30 pm CYF meeting
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 04/03 (NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY, RESUME APRIL 10)**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Walk/Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 04/04**

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

### **FRIDAY, 04/05**

### **SATURDAY, 04/06**

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

### **SUNDAY, 04/07 (Communion Sunday)**

- 9:30 am 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APRIL 1, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (IN PERSON)**

Join us for our ladies' evening Bible study on April 1, IN -PERSON meeting in Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided. We are currently studying the books of Samuel. The study is held in person (first Monday month) and then via Zoom, the remainder of each month. Feel free to join us at any time. There are no requirements; just participate as it suits you. Our weekly study questions encourage discussion and shared learning. For more information, please contact Kym Nguyen.

### **APRIL 3, WEDNESDAY, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE CLASS, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us every week at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for our Walk/Exercise Class. This class is designed for all levels and includes beginners. You can even sit in a chair and work out, too! We walk, kick, and sidestep our way towards healthier lifestyles together. There's no judgment here; you can go at your own pace. Come and join us and take a step towards better health! For more information, please contact Ruth Ritenbaugh.

### **APRIL 10, 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.

### **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](mailto:zdichtl@purdue.edu) to join in.

**APRIL 12, SERVE CITY 5PM, BREAKFAST-FOR-DINNER THEME**

Please bring in your meals and goodies, and deliver them to the St. Mark's kitchen by 5 PM. This will give us time to pack the car and drive to the location. Any sized contribution is much appreciated. We are feeding a total of 75 people in need. Contact: Lyn Bucalo for information.

**APRIL BROKEN BUS (TENTATIVE)**

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

**APRIL 19 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.

**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.)

**MAY 4, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**

We are beginning the Helping Hands church work day on the first Saturday in March. Here is your opportunity to serve by helping to clean areas around the church. Bill Dichtl will be the lead Trustee this month and will provide more details.

**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. Website: <https://stmarksumc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 24, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 169  
Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$7,366.76</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,478.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 785.14
	<b><u>\$4,263.14</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$150.00  
*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

# Annual Spring Salad Luncheon 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](mailto: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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