



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 26, 2024, 9:30am

Let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles.

**And let us run with *perseverance*
the race marked out for us.**

HEBREWS 12:1

Sermon Title: "A Great Cloud..."

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 * 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**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so
closely. And let us run with perseverance the race that is set
before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our
faith.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "America the Beautiful"

UMH 696

***OPENING PRAYER**

God we are surrounded by a cloud

Faithful witnesses who have gone before

Those who have loved where we would have hated

Those who have healed where we would have hurt

**Those who have spoken out when we would have
remained silent**

God may we walk in their footsteps

Learning courage from their sacrifice

May we learn to give so that others may receive

May we learn to love so that others may be set free

May we learn to die so that others might live

God may we join that cloud of faithful witnesses

Treading paths of loving obedience

Leaving footprints that others desire to walk in

God may we too lead kingdom lives. 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
 Doxology
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN	“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”	UMH 697
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SCRIPTURE:	Hebrews 12:1-3
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SERMON	“A Great Cloud...”	Pastor Mark
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*CLOSING HYMN	“Faith of Our Fathers”	UMH710
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*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG	“God Bless America”
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*POSTLUDE	Sue Combs
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 05/12 Ann Brabbs continues to recover from home and feeling so much better to receive visitors now. We continue to pray for Ann's recovery.
- 05/12 Our heart-felt condolences and prayers for Jean Cottrill's family and friends. Jean passed away on May 8, Wed.
- 05/12 Patty Coyle's daughter, Lori Palmieri in Mercy hospital.
- 05/12 Roy Brown for preparatory tests for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement. (TAVR).
- 05/12 Brenda Smoot for good results after 2 heart tests, May 15.
- 05/12 Linda Prohaska's sister, Sue Campbell Holloman and family. Sue is recovering from hip surgery.
- 05/08 JOY! Thank you to all who volunteered, made salads, and came to eat at the Annual Salad Luncheon & Crafts event. It was a great success! We could not have done it without everyone! From: The Salad Luncheon Team.
- 05/05 Lois Hill's God-daughter, Karen, who is healing from surgery.
- 05/05 Willa Ramsey's son, David Isaacs, who had triple-bypass surgery.
- 04/28 Keep a friend and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of her brother-in-law from cancer.
- 04/28 Keep a friend who has a re-occurrence of breast cancer.
- 04/28 Elaine Shreve's brother, Dick Beers, suffering from congestive heart failure.
- 04/28 Pastor Bob Klingel for healing.
- 04/28 Lois Hill asks for prayers for Michael, who is coping with some long-suffering health situations. He is now in a special treatment center.
- 04/21 JOY! Dee Aiken's granddaughter, Gillian Null, will be graduating with a doctorate degree from UC Medical School and will move on to continue her studies at Ohio State in order to become a surgeon.
- 04/21 Paul Schutte is now at Gateway Springs for rehab.
- 04/21 Becky Mendenhall fell and hurt her back.
- 04/21 Chelsey Cavender for continued healing.
- 04/21 Iris Jones's son and son-in-law for medical issues.
- 04/21 Vicki & Kraig Cavender's friend, Ric, for good test results.
- 04/21 Marianne Calabria Halcomb's young niece, Claire, who lives in Texas, as she is going through a health situation.
- 04/17 Don Ault is having some balancing issues.
- 04/17 Patty Coyle's son, Tim, the bleeding has stopped, but he has no energy.
- 04/17 Linda Prohaska's brother, Eugene Campbell, continues to fight through lung cancer. A few extra prayers please.
- 04/14 Susan Bunte's nephew, Kirk, who is having significant health challenges.

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	Jeff Gering
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
Don Ault	Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
Terrill Broshear	Parkside Residents
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)	Brenda Smoot
Ann Brabbs	
Patty Coyle	
Mike Fitzpatrick	

St. Mark's Homebound:

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)
Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)	Betty Winkler

MEDIA VOLUNTEER

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with the media area in the back of the sanctuary. Another option, would be to have 2 people alternate weeks.

Please contact Pastor Mark for information, and NO experience is needed.

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 5/26

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
After Worship VBS & Safe Sanctuary Training Day
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 05/27

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

TUESDAY, 05/28

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (at Smokey Bones)
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960

WEDNESDAY, 05/29

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am Walk/Exercise Class
2:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved (2-10pm)
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 05/30

FRIDAY, 05/31

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-Face Prayers (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 06/01

- 9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministry Volunteering
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 06/02 Cantata Sunday and Open House Celebration for Chris

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am Open House Celebration for Chris' 30th Anniversary
1:00 pm New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
3:00 pm VBS & Safe Sanctuary Training Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY—JUNE 2, FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY DONATION DRIVE

We are collecting and appreciate any and all food donated, but they are in need of pet food, hygiene products, and Mac-n-Cheese. Tari Randall will be collecting food on Thursday, May 30, from 10:00am—12:00pm.

MAY 19, 26 & June 2—VBS & SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING DAY

All VBS volunteers will attend this training day if you missed the first one on May 19, Sunday after worship. May 26 (After Worship) and June 2 (at 3PM) is Safe Sanctuary and VBS Training Day. Contact Peggy Smith for details.

MAY 28, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at SMOKEY BONES

This month, we are having lunch at Smokey Bones in West Chester. Address is 9484 Civic Centre. Besides BBQ Ribs, there are variety of appetizers, sandwiches, and salads. Contact BRENDA SMOOT at (513) 316-1807 by May 26.

JUNE 1, SATURDAY, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 VOLUNTEERING

Another opportunity to volunteer your time at Matthew 25 Ministries. We always have a great time while helping support this amazing ministry. Contact: Lynne Schumacker.

MAY 29—JUNE 1, ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 2, SUN., 9:30AM, CANTATA, “THE SHELTER” & OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Join us for the cantata, “The Shelter,” during worship service. “The Shelter” presents a unique opportunity to fully embrace the broken and hurting within ourselves, our church, and our community, and to not shy away from these feelings that people are experiencing. No matter their course, God is with us in our storms. We will take communion which is part of the Cantata presentation. Then after the service, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for an Open House Celebration for our Music Director, Chris Beiser, as we celebrate his 30 years of service. A light lunch will be provided with cake. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet at the Narthex Welcome counter so that we know how many people plan to attend.

JUNE 8, 6th ANNUAL FAMILY PROMISE 5K DOT DASH, 9AM

Join us for the 5K Dot Dash at Marcum Park in Hamilton. Ticket price includes: Timed Run, Recreational Run/Walk, or Sleep-in! You choose! Pricing is as follows: Regular Dasher (Now thru June 7) \$35, Day of Dasher is \$40 on June 8; Sleep-In \$25; and Age 10 years & under is \$10. Go here to register as a walker/runner:

<https://www.familypromisebutlercountyoh.org/copy-of-dot-dash-sponsor-form>

JUNE 9-13, VBS, 6:30-8:15PM

Join us for an exciting adventure with God at this year's VBS, “Camp Firelight,” based on Psalm 56:3. The children and youth are invited to twinkle and flutter into a world of engaging activities, music, stories, and meaningful lessons to create lasting memories. Contact Peggy Smith.

Register the participants at this link: <https://stmarksumc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

JUNE 16, FATHER'S DAY, CELEBRATE BY WEARING A T-SHIRT, TIE, OR HAT

Let's celebrate all Father's today by wearing a T-shirt, Tie or a favorite Hat. Get creative and have fun with this. It is a celebration of Dad's, Step-dad's, Grand-dad's, and all Father Figures.

JUNE 23, SUNDAY, RED'S GAME CHURCH EVENT AT STADIUM, (1:40 Game Time)

See back of bulletin for more information.

JUNE 28, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY

We are planning a “Grill-out/Picnic” theme for the food donations. We will grill burgers and hotdogs to take to Serve City. We are looking for potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit salads, buns, drinks, desserts, and anything that is picnic food related. Contact Lyn Bucalo.

MONTH OF MAY—ROOM AT THE TABLE BOX IN NARTHEX

Room at the Table will have a box in the Narthex for people to put any questions, comments, or concerns about the vote at the General Conference. We will go through them and either Pastor Mark or we will address them as we get more information. Thank you.

DATE: JUNE 9-13, TIME: 6:30-8:15PM, MORE DETAILS INSIDE BULLETIN



Reds Game Church Event! Sunday, June 23, 2024, 1:40 PM
Cincinnati Reds VS Boston Red Sox (At Stadium)



Come join us for a fun St. Mark's Church event at the Ballpark (Cincinnati)
Children under 2 years old are free, sitting on lap. We have SECTION 414 is reserved. This is a great time for fellowship, fun memories, and friendship!

Contact Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory for details.

Transportation information will be forthcoming. Let's play Ball!

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