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WELCOME

St. Mark's is a community of believers and seekers committed to being queer-affirming and anti-racist, reflecting the love and justice of Jesus Christ. We are a place where people of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities are welcomed, celebrated for their gifts, and invited to share in God's embrace. As an expression of our faith, we strive to stand in solidarity with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

OUR PURPOSE

Jesus Christ calls us to be a joyful community that celebrates God's love, transforms lives, and is a force for justice in the world.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am–noon
Friday & Saturday: Closed

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PENTECOST | JUNE 8, 2025 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

Cantilène - Déodat de Séverac | J.I. Aragón, *piano/organ*

WELCOME

Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 288

Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

^CALL TO WORSHIP

Audrey Harding

~ from the United Church of Christ. Posted on **Life in Liturgy**

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

All: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

All: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 287

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

^GATHERING PRAYER written by Sara Dunning Lambert, from *Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*.
Posted on the website of the [Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren](#).

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

O God, your Spirit is at work breaking down the barriers within us and around us. Forgive the barriers we create within ourselves when we resist your healing work leading us to wholeness. Forgive the barriers that separate us from your love. Forgive the barriers we create between ourselves and others, the prejudices we embrace, our indifference to suffering. Forgive the barriers we permit between ourselves and your precious creation, our greed and the misuse of resources. Heal us, O God, and restore us to a right relationship with you and your world. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Spirit of love, grace, and mercy are poured out upon us!

All: **We rejoice in the forgiving and empowering gifts of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God!**

^PASSING THE PEACE

As a forgiven people, we extend the hand of peace and reconciliation to one another saying:

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

^HYMN OF PRAISE no. 586

Alleluia (sung twice)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

from a collection of prayers posted on the **Worship@North** website. <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14: 15-17; 25-27 | *First Nations Version*
An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

"If you love me, you will walk in my ways. I will ask the Father to send one who will always walk beside you and guide you on the good road. He is the Spirit of Truth, the one this world is not able to accept because it does not see or know him. But you know him, for he is with you now and will soon be in you.

"I have told you these things while I am still with you, but there is one whom the Father is sending to represent me. He will walk beside you and be your spirit guide. He is the Holy Spirit, who will be your Wisdomkeeper and will help you to remember all that I have told you.

"I leave you now with my great peace. It is my gift to you. It is not the kind of peace the world gives. Do not let the troubles of this world fill you with fear and make your hearts fall to the ground, and do not let fear hold you back."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 | *New Revised Standard Version*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those

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days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Taste & See words & music by James E. Moore, Jr.
Bob & David Bracerros-Hamm

(congregation invited to join and sing)

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
Of the Lord.**

SERMON

"Sacred Stories"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

HYMN (see insert)

She Comes Sailing on the Wind

INVITATION TO THE OFFERINGS

***If you'd like to donate to God's work through St. Mark's, ushers will now collect the offerings. You may also give electronically using the Vanco or Venmo QR codes found in the worship guide.*

***If you have a prayer request or an announcement to share during Opportunities, write it down on the sheet of paper included with your worship guide and place it in the offering baskets.*

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VANCO



OFFERTORY

VI. Devaneio from *12 Peças Características* - Leopoldo Miguez

^OFFERING HYMN no. 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

^PRAYER OF DEDICATION

posted on the **Worshipping Well** blog.
<http://stephenmfearing.wordpress.com/>

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to God.

We lift our hearts to God, and our thanks and praise, because it is right to do this.

We thank you, God, for breathing into us the breath of life and setting us in your world to love and serve you. When we rejected your love and ignored your wisdom, you did not reject us.

You loved us still and called us to turn again to you in obedience and in love.

Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus among us to set us free from the tyranny of evil. He lived as one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows. By his dying and rising, he releases us from bondage to sin and frees us from the dominion of death.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon your gifts of the bread and the cup, that we may be united with the living Christ and with one another through your love and grace.

Through the power of your Spirit, lead us to live as members of your household: doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God.

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION

Communion at St. Mark's is open to all individuals of all ages. Worshippers may come down the center aisle and receive the bread or gluten-free option and the non-alcoholic grape juice in either the pre-filled cups or by dipping the bread in the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Be Bread

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

^SENDING HYMN (see insert)

Spirit, Now Live in Me

^CHARGE

from 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold fast to what is good.

Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted.

Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone.

Love and serve Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

^BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Valsa - Ernesto Nazareth

OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Audrey Harding; Usher: Carol Dieckmann; Greeter: Paul Tuohy; Communion Servers: Tom Guard, Jim and Tricia Heller, Trianna Oglivie, and Robin Staples; Communion Set Up and Clean Up: Berry Roberts and Robin Staples; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, Dexter Mitchell, and Irvin Richards.

PENTECOST: Thank you to those who have made doves for Pentecost and for wearing RED! We are collecting for the Pentecost Offering. Please refer to the insert in your worship guide.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER: Today at 5:00 PM in the Knox Room is where Second Sunday Supper will be held. The main course is SALADS - everything from pasta, chicken and tuna, to caesar, greek, tabouli, cobb, waldorf and ambrosia. A refreshing dinner for the beginning of summer. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with our neighbors.

A CALL TO A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session of St. Mark's calls a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, June 15 following the worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect the church nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The nominees for the PNC, put forth by the church's Nominating Committee, are as follows:

Lynne Davies
Ellen Dunscomb
Tom Guard
Kevin Hainline
Stephanie Mitchell
Kay Orzech
Janet Prinz

All members of St. Mark's are strongly encouraged to make every effort to attend this meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Administration Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 9 at 10:30 AM; Personnel Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 4:00 PM; Worship Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, June 11 at 4:30 PM; Faith Formation Committee will be meeting on Thursday, June 12 at 3:00 PM; Session will be meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM; and Community and Global Engagement will be meeting on Tuesday, June 24 at 4:00 PM. All meetings are held in the office conference room.

FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry helps many people in our community. Thank you for your generous contributions. Right now, pastas and pasta sauces (no glass jars), cereal (both boxed and in individual servings), shelf-stable milk. Please no bulk or family sized items. Also cans with pop tops are preferred (fruit, fish, meat, beans of all types and mixes) but please, no glass jars or anything larger than 16 oz. **The Hygiene Pantry** is in need of deodorant for women and men, dental combos (travel size toothbrush and toothpaste in one package), cleaning and laundry supplies (small bottles only), and toilet paper in individually wrapped rolls. **Iskashitaa Refugee Network** is in need of 4-lb bags of sugar and ramen packets. Please place your donations in the red wagon in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the office during business hours. We are well supplied with paper bags! Thank you to all who have donated.

MT. LEMMON CABIN: Our cabin is open for the season. Check your calendars and schedule a time to get away from the heat during the summer to our lovely cabin. This year, we are going to try a port-a-potty that is much more accessible for everyone. Also, the rates have increased slightly - Monday - Thursday is \$30.00/day and Friday - Sunday is \$40.00/day. Currently, there can be **NO OPEN FLAMES.** An electric grill will be available instead. Call Gianina to schedule your stay at the cabin.

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SUMMER CAMP HAS BEGUN! Please be in prayer for Montlure and all our campers as we start both our Overnight and Day Camp programs this week! We are looking forward to another incredible summer. For Overnight Campers entering 4th-9th graders, we have a few more spots available in the upcoming weeks. Visit Montlure.org ASAP to sign your child up for camp today! Email Montlure at camp@montlure.org, or call (520) 369-2199 for questions.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: The family and friends of Patricia Eggebeen (died May 20, 2025 and is the mother of Rachael Eggebeen), Diana Edeline (health issue), Mike Smith (health issues), Mari Helen High (health concerns), Jan Gore (health issue), Marilyn Simmons (health issues), Bill Dingeldein (health issues), Ann MacGregor (health issues), Lillian Deyerberg (health concerns), Rob Selby (health issues) and the Selby Family.

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287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

2122 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Refrain 



She comes sail - ing on the wind, her wings flash - ing in the



sun; on a jour - ney just be - gun, she flies on.



And in the pas - sage of her flight, her song rings out through the



night, full of laugh - ter, full of light, she flies on. *Fine*



1. _____ Si - lent wa - ters rock - ing on the morn - ing of our
2. _____ Man - y were the dream - ers whose eyes were giv - en
3. To a gen - tle girl in Gal - i - lee, a gen - tle breeze she
4. _____ Fly - ing to the riv - er, she wait - ed cir - cling
5. Long af - ter the deep dark - ness that fell up - on the



birth, like an emp - ty cra - dle wait - ing to be

sight when the Spir - it filled their dreams with life and

came, a whis - per soft - ly call - ing in the

high a - bove the child now grown so full of

world, af - ter dawn re - turned in flame of ris - ing



filled. _____ And from the heart of God the Spir - it

form. _____ Des - erts turned to gar - dens, bro - ken

dark, _____ the prom - ise of a child of peace whose

grace. _____ As he rose up from the wa - ter, she swept

sun, _____ the Spir - it touched the earth a - gain, a -



moved up - on the earth, like a moth - er breath - ing

hearts found new de - light, and then down the a - ges

reign would nev - er end, Ma - ry sang the Spir - it

down from the sky, and she car - ried him a -

gain, her wings un - furled, bring - ing life in wind and

WORDS: Gordon Light (Gen. 1:2; Matt. 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 1:26-56; 3:22; Acts 2:1-4) SHE FLIES ON
MUSIC: Gordon Light Irregular with Refrain

