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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 **OFFICE HOURS**

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.

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 13, 2025 | 10:30 AM_

PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE VIII. Moderato from 12 Peças Caracteristicas - Leopoldo Miguez J.I. Aragón, piano/organ

WELCOME

CENTERING SONG no. 288

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

- We gather here to give witness to the enduring realities of life. One:
- All: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.
- One: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ as we travel life's long journey.
- We have found God in our past, we give thanks for God in our present, All: and we trust God with our future.
- One: Let us worship the God of steadfast love.

GATHERING HYMN no. 410

God is Calling Through the Whisper

▲GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy One, you have given us the gift of life but we have not always honored it. We have damaged our earthly home through selfishness and greed. We have harmed our bodies, minds, and souls with behaviors that are self-destructive. We have focused our lives on accumulating things and status rather than discovering how we may be a blessing in your name. We have turned away from situations of need where we could have been instruments of healing, hope, and help. Forgive us, O God. Place a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

Rev. Tracy Daub

Spirit of the Living God

Kevin Hainline

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 New Revised Standard Version

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-14 | New Revised Standard Version

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word. All: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SERMON

HYMN no. 451

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 quide and place it in the offering baskets.

OFFERTORY

^AOFFERING HYMN no. 708

Ave Maria Paraphrases - Derecskei András

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

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 prav:



"The Good Life"

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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 no. 539

We Will Go Out With Joy

[▲]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

XII. Folguedo from 12 Peças Caracteristicas - Leopoldo Miguez

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OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Kevin Hainline; Usher: Carol Dieckmann; Greeter: JP Berdine; Communion Servers: Mike Block, Rachael Eggebeen, and Tim Tully; Communion Set Up and Clean Up: Berry Roberts and Patty Berdine; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, Dexter Mitchell, and Irvin Richards.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER: Join us today at 5:00 PM in Knox for Second Sunday Supper. Our main dish will be hot dogs. It's a side dish and dessert potluck. We look forward to seeing you then and share some good food and fellowship with our neighbors.

FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry helps many people in our community. Thank you for your generous contributions. Right now we are in need of pastas, pasta sauce in cans (no glass jars please), and saltine crackers. **Iskashitaa Refugee Network** is in need of cooking oil, cornmeal, dish soap, laundry soap and shampoo. We have plenty 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. 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.

PIMA COUNTY ELECTIONS: The Pima County Primary Election will happen on Tuesday, July 15 in the Knox Room. We will be a polling place this year for the special election.

SUMMER IS HERE: Be sure to stay hydrated and stay indoors during these scorching hot days. If you do go out, put on sunscreen, bring a hat, and lots of water. Stay safe.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Diana Edeline (health issue), Mari Helen High (health concerns), Bill Dingeldein (health issues), Ann MacGregor (health issues), Lillian Deverberg (health concerns), Rob Selby (health issues) and the Selby Family.



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.



Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.