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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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____ **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 10:30 AM** ____

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE IV. Interludio Corale from *10 Pezzi* - Constanze A. Bossi | J.I. Aragón, *piano/organ*

WELCOME Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 175 *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

^CALL TO WORSHIP Kay Orzech

One: O God, enter our hearts today!

All: Heal us from pain and strife.

One: Fill us with your joy and peace.

All: Comfort us in our struggles.

One: Challenge us in our comforts!

All: And guide us on the everlasting way.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

^GATHERING PRAYER Naomi Dornan, churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy One, we acknowledge before you our failings. Where you are abundant in love, generosity, and mercy, we are limited. Our love is partial. Our generosity is tempered. Our forgiveness is conditional. We confess that we have only permitted the Gospel to enter our hearts, minds, and lives in fragmented ways. Forgive us, O God. May the good news of Jesus Christ overtake us and our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If God marked our failings, who could stand? But there is forgiveness from our Creator. And in God is the power to redeem. We proclaim this good news:
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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. 598

Amen, We Praise Your Name

**Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Adapted from churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121 | *The Inclusive Bible*

I lift my eyes to the mountains—from where will my help come?
My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth!
YHWH won't let our footstep slip: the Guardian never sleeps.
The Guardian of Israel will never slumber, never sleep!
YHWH is our Guardian;
YHWH is our shade: with God by our side,
the sun cannot overpower us by day, nor the moon at night.
YHWH guards us from harm, guards our lives.
YHWH guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 | *New Revised Standard Version*

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Am Not Afraid - Larson | St. Mark's Choir

SERMON

"Matters of the Heart"

HYMN no. 692

Spirit Open My Heart

INVITATION TO THE OFFERINGS

***If you'd like to donate to God's work through St. Mark's, ushers will collect the offerings. You may also give electronically using the Vanco or Venmo QR codes found in the worship guide. With gratitude for God's love and faithfulness and with thanks for all we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.*

***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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OFFERTORY

Canone in modo dorico - Oreste Ravanello

▲ 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

Adapted from By Rev. Joanna Harader, from [SpaciousFaith.com](https://www.spaciousfaith.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:

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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 no. 507

Come to the Table of Grace

**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

^SENDING HYMN no. 450

Be Thou My Vision

^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

Postludio - Oreste Ravanello

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

OPPORTUNITIES

To view the live church calendar please visit: www.stmarksaz.org
To join the church email list please email gianina@stmarksaz.org or stmarksaz@gmail.com

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Kay Orzech; Usher: Art Lurvey; Greeter: Lou Prinz; Communion Servers: Lynne Davies, Jim and Tricia Heller, and Liam May; Communion Set Up and Clean Up: Berry Roberts and Patty Berdine; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

SPECIAL WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING: During the month of October we will receive a special offering to directly support Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado as mission co-workers with Frontera de Cristo a PCUSA borderlands ministry in Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, MX. You may give through Venmo, Vanco, or by check — please indicate “Mission Co-workers” on your gifts. Thank you in advance for helping to fund the vital leadership provided by this extraordinarily dedicated and beloved couple. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex.

CHURCH SECURITY CONVERSATION: There will be a church security conversation today after worship. This is an opportunity for concerned individuals to discuss ways to improve St. Mark's campus security. It is open to everyone but Session members, ushers, and greeters are strongly encouraged to attend. We will review steps and guidelines to follow in the event of something happening during worship.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Session will be meeting on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM in the office conference room; and Congregational Care will be meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 2:00 PM in the office conference room.

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER NO KINGS DAY: Join a nationwide conversation about the next steps after the No Kings Rally, sponsored by Mobilize US. Here is the link: [Join the What's Next After No Kings Mass Call on Tuesday, October 21, at 8pm ET/5pm PT.](#) No Kings will be massive, powerful, and meaningful -- but it won't be the end of our work. Join movement leaders and fellow local activists after the big day to come together, celebrate what we accomplished, and learn about what's next.

COMMUNION BREAD MAKING: Attention Bread Bakers! We are running low on bread for Communion, so we've scheduled another Communion bread baking gathering on **Saturday, October 25 at 3:30** in the Geneva kitchen. If this is your first time to join us at this fun filled event, here is what you can expect:

1. We need four people to volunteer ahead of time to make a batch of bread dough. Email me at smckasson4@gmail.com and I will send you the simple recipe along with the instructions.
2. The rest of us volunteer to bring rolling pins, good knives, or just come to help and enjoy the company.
3. We take turns with the various jobs: rolling the bread out, frying it, cutting up the squares, and bagging it to freeze so we'll have fresh homemade bread every time we celebrate communion! Then of course we have to clean up and enjoy some social time together. You can plan to be done by 5 PM.
4. All are invited! No skills needed.
5. Sign up at the Opportunity Table after church on Sunday morning.

BIG COFFEE AND LABYRINTH: Directly after worship on Sunday, October 26, all are invited to a special Big Coffee on the 2nd Street side of the church in celebration and exploration of our refurbished labyrinth. Joeline Green and Pat Turnbull will help us explore the meaning behind our labyrinth. Did you know St. Mark's had a labyrinth? Why do Christians find strength in the spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth? Is this spiritual practice a good fit for me? On Sunday October 26, join us to answer these questions and learn more about this sacred, contemplative space.

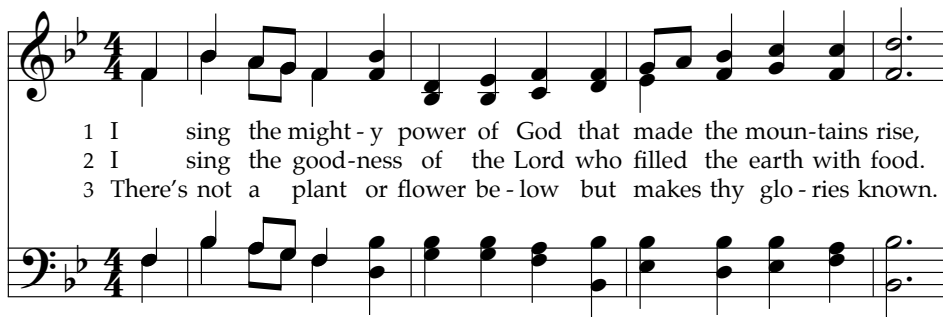
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FOURTH SUNDAY SUPPER: Come and partake in our newly designated 4th Sunday Supper in Knox at 5:00 PM Sunday, October 26. Stay tuned for the entree. Bring a side dish/dessert to share if you would like and enjoy fellowship with our neighbors and friends.

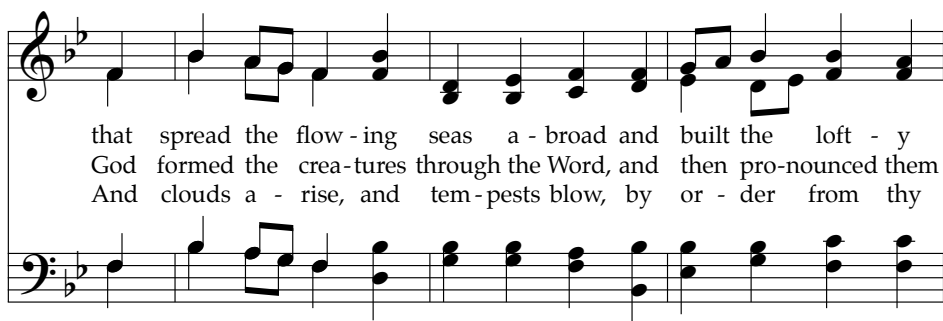
ALL SAINTS DAY: Save the date for November 2 for All Saints Day Ofrenda. Celebrate All Saints Day with Sunday morning worship followed by a potluck lunch. Before the service begins at 10:30 AM, you are invited to place a photo and/or memento of your loved one(s) that you would like to remember on the Ofrenda (offering space) created on the steps at the front of the sanctuary. During the service there will be an opportunity to take your written prayers to the Ofrenda and light a candle. For the potluck lunch after worship, please bring your loved one's favorite food(s) to share. It is a time for good food, good stories, good company and good memories! We will have places to plug in crockpots, and refrigerators and ovens will be available to keep food warm or cold in the Geneva kitchen.

FOOD & HYGIENE PANTRY: Our food pantry helps many people in our community, especially during these troubled times. Many thanks to everyone who brought much needed items for the food & hygiene pantry. These are our current needs for the food pantry: canned goods: Spam, Vienna sausages, plain beans, non-starchy vegetables, pasta sauce (no glass jars, please), soup (no cream soups, please), canned or vacuum-packed chicken, ready to heat and eat meals such as Spaghetti-Os, Chef Boyardee, and Kraft macaroni and cheese. (Please, no boxed meals that require additional ingredients to prepare such as milk and/or butter.), peanut butter, saltine crackers, unsweetened cereal, ramen (both packets and cups). These are our current needs for the hygiene pantry: tissue packets, first-aid travel size kits, sanitizing wipes (travel size or small packets), masks (individually wrapped preferred), lightweight rain ponchos in individual packages, laundry detergent (small size no larger than 10 ounce bottles), and cleaning supplies (small size no larger than 10 ounce bottles). These are **Iskashitaa Refugee Network's** current needs: bags of onions, garlic potatoes, and apples; cans of tuna and tomatoes; sugar, flour, beans (dry and lentil), cooking oil, white corn flour, and pasta. 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.

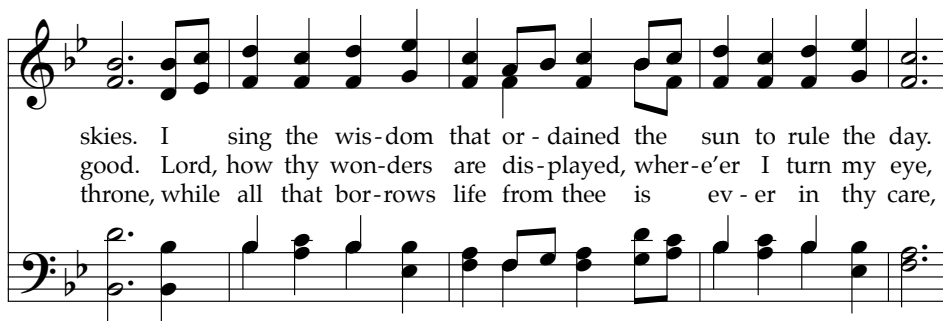
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



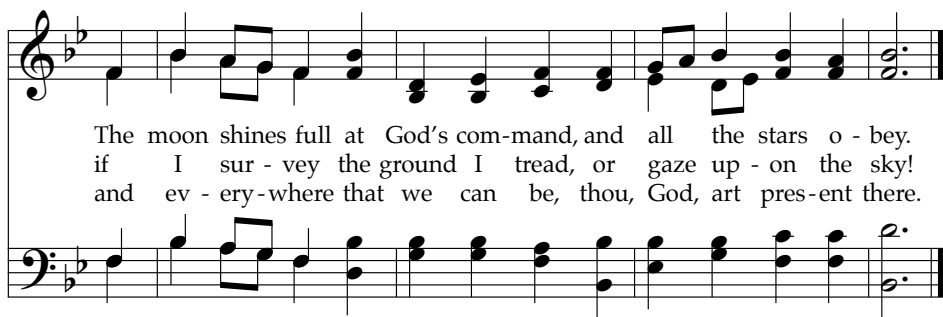
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) $Gm7$ (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.