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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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____ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 10:30
AM ____

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

Entrée - Hedwige Chrétien | 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

Rachael Eggebeen

One: God is continually creating something new.

All: We are part of that creation: renewed, redeemed, beloved.

One: Through all this change, God is with us.

All: Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful.

One: Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

^ GATHERING HYMN no. 665

As Morning Dawns

^ GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, we come to you with an honest reckoning of the ways we have failed to live as your faithful children. You give us opportunities to serve and love others, and we withdraw into lives of selfishness and greed. Your Spirit empowers new life, yet we are resistant to change and cling to what is familiar. Despite your abiding presence, sometimes we let hopelessness gain the upper hand. Forgive us, O God. Restore our trust in you and your goodness and help us walk more faithfully your holy way of love. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. God loves us, forgives us, and raises us to new life.

All: 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98 | The Inclusive Bible

Sing a new song to YHWH, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance!

YHWH has made salvation known and shown divine justice to the nations, and has remembered in truth and love the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise! Sing praise to YHWH with the harp, with the harp and melodious singing! With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to YHWH, Ruler of All.

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before YHWH, who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its peoples with equity.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25 | New Revised Standard Version

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Offertoire - Hedwige Chrétien

^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

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. Worshipers 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. 819

Be Still, My Soul

^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

Allegretto - Hedwige Chrétien

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: The family and friends of Mari Helen High (died November 5, 2025), the family and friends of Lillian Deyerberg (died November 3, 2025) - Carol Tribble's Mom; the family and friends of Lynne Davies (died October 23, 2025), Chris Person-Rennell (health issue), Art Lurvey (health issue), Cynthia Henry (health issue), Mike Smith (health concerns), Martha Ortiz (health concerns), Bill Dingeldein (health issues), Ann MacGregor (health issues), 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: Rachael Eggebeen; Usher: Art Lurvey; Greeter: Paul Tuohy; Communion Servers: Becky Cook, Sue Hunter, Liam May, Chris La Roche and Andie Sweetman; Communion Set Up and Clean Up: Berry Roberts and Priscilla Edelman; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE DAY: Not sure of everyone's name at church? Not everyone wears a name tag Sunday mornings. Lou Prinz has offered to take photos of all St. Mark's members and friends willing to have their photo displayed on a board that we'll have out every Sunday as a reference for "who's who." Lou will begin taking photos on November 9, 16, and 23 before and after church in Knox Hall, which is accessible through the west side of the sanctuary.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING: There is still time to complete and hand in your estimate of giving cards. Thank you to those that have completed a card or the online form. If you still need to fill one out, blank cards can be found in the narthex.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Session will be meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM in the office conference room.

ART SHOW - SECOND CHANCE: When Cynthia Lang's husband, John Culp, died four years ago, St. Mark's held a show of his artwork, raising more than two thousand dollars toward our support for migrants and refugees. Now, Cynthia has moved to a smaller place and migrants and refugees still need our help. On Sunday, November 16 after worship in the south courtyard, we'll hold a "highly affordable Art Show." There will be prints realistic to abstract which will have framed pieces for \$10 each and unframed for \$5. Cash only, small bills if possible. All proceeds will go to *Frontera de Cristo*. Thank you for your support.

BOOK CLUB: The book club will be meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 11:00 AM in Calvin Hall. The book is *The Culture Code* by Daniel Coyle. All are welcome.

HANGING OF THE GREENS and Everything Else: Everyone is invited to stay after the 10:30 AM Worship Service on Sunday, November 23 to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas seasons. There will be lights, greens and wreaths to hang, trees to decorate, pizza to eat, talking to old and new friends, assisting children, hanging things from high ladders, or maybe just sitting/standing around enjoying the beginning of this wonderful season. All ages and abilities are welcome and appreciated. Don't miss the fun!

A SERVICE OF DISPOSITION OF ASHES: There will be a Service of Disposition of Ashes for long time member and Elder Mari Helen High on Thursday, December 4 at 2:00 PM in the Columbarium.

SISTER JOSE'S WOMEN'S SHELTER: For the month of November, Community & Global Engagement are giving thanks for all that God has provided for us by collecting Women's Incontinence Underwear (size small and medium) to give to Sister Jose's Women's Center. The Center requests the pull-up incontinence underwear because Medicare/Medicaid will only pay for the adult diaper. The AmazonBasics Women's Incontinence Underwear is available on Amazon in small or medium sizes. Fry's carries Always Discreet Underwear in size S/M, Kroger brand Incontinence Underwear for Women S/M, and Depends Incontinence Underwear Size M. Other supermarkets also carry the Always Discreet Underwear and the Depends Incontinence underwear. You may bring the donations and place them in the box next to the red wagon any Sunday in November.

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SAVE THE DATE: During St. Mark's time of congregational discernment and visioning, many members voiced an interest in participating in small groups. The Faith Formation Team has heard this request and is launching several small groups beginning in the new year. Each small group will meet once per month during January, February, March, and April 2026. The hope is that these small groups will foster spiritual growth among the participants and will offer opportunities for forming closer ties with one another. More information will be available next week as well as your opportunity to sign up. See Rachael Eggebeen or any member of Faith Formation for more information.

NEWS ABOUT 4TH SUNDAY SUPPER: We are sorry to announce that 4th Sunday Supper is cancelled for November and December as we focus more of our resources on the growing need of our Food Pantry which is run out of the church office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12N. We hope to have greater capacity again in the future and appreciate your understanding during these times.

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. 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. These are our current needs for the food pantry & hygiene pantry:

Food Pantry:

- Fruit (plastic containers with cellophane tops preferred)
- Tuna
- Plain beans
- Prepared beans such as refried beans and baked beans
- Vegetables (plastic containers with cellophane tops preferred)
- Cereal, all kinds
- Canned pasta sauce - ready to heat and eat. Please, no tomato sauce or chopped tomatoes.
- Soup (no cream soups, please)
- Saltine crackers
- Shelf-stable milk

Hygiene Closet:

- Shampoo - small bottles or travel size
- Razors - disposable only please
- Shaving cream - any size
- Sanitizing wipes - in packets, please no large containers
- Masks (individually wrapped preferred)
- Tampons

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

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As Morning Dawns

(Psalm 5)

1 As morn - ing dawns, Lord, hear our cry. O sov - ereign
 2 Be - fore you, Lord, the wick - ed fall, and none shall
 3 Your stead - fast love shall wel - come all who seek your
 4 Let all who seek you then re - joice, and sing to

God, now hear our sigh. As first light brings the
 dwell with - in your hall. The proud shall nev - er
 house and on you call. O lead us, Lord, in
 you with joy - ful voice. For you shall bless the

sun's warm rays, ac - cept our sac - ri - fice of praise.
 gain a place, nor e - vil live to see your face.
 righ - teous - ness, as through this day your name we bless.
 righ - teous, Lord. For - ev - er be your name a - dored.

This paraphrase of Psalm 5 emphasizes shared human experience by beginning with the common hope that a new day offers new opportunities and by recasting the lone psalmist's voice into plural expressions. The tune is named for the composer's birthplace in Dorset, England.

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.