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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).

5th SUNDAY after EPIPHANY | FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father -arr.Helvey | David Bracerros-Hamm

WELCOME

The Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 155 *Raise a Song of Gladness*

**Raise a song of gladness, people of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.**

^CALL TO WORSHIP

Audrey Harding

One: Jesus calls us the salt of the earth.

All: We come to learn how to be God's distinctive people of the earth.

One: Jesus calls us the light of the world.

All: We come to learn what it means to shine God's light in the midst of pain and confusion.

One: Holy people of God, let us worship the Source of our Being.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 505 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

^GATHERING PRAYER

~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the **Christian Aid** website.

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, you call us the salt of the earth, but often our witness is bland. You call us the light of the world, but sometimes our witness is gloomy or hidden altogether. Could anyone tell that Christ has made us new creations? Forgive us, O God, when we fail to be signs of your presence and love. Forgive us when we lack the confidence you have in us. May your Spirit revive us, embolden us, and guide our lives upon your holy way.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: anyone in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

^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. 137 *He Came Down* (sung twice)

**He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

~ from a collection of prayers posted on the **Worship@North** website.

<https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com>

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a | *New Revised Standard Version*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-20 | *New Revised Standard Version*

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Oh Happy Day -arr. Emerson | St. Mark's Choir, Bob Hamm, solo

SERMON

“What Lies Within”

HYMN no. 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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 a sheet of paper included in the pad on your row and place it in the offering baskets.*

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OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | David Bracerros-Hamm

^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 **United Methodist Foundation of Michigan.**
<http://www.umfmichigan.org/offerprayers.html>

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 no. 507 *Come to the Table of Grace (Peace, Love, Hope, Joy)*

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. 541 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

^ 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

O Worship the King -arr.Larson | David Bracerros-Hamm

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: The family and friends of Mike Smith (died January 15, 2026), the family and friends of Vic Daub (died January 9, 2026), Jeanette Jones (health concerns), Martha Ortiz (health concerns), Rob Selby (health issues) and the Selby Family.

STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9AM-Noon

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

To view the live church calendar please visit www.stmarksaz.org
To join the church email list please email churchadmin@stmarksaz.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist:Audrey Harding; Usher:Carol Dieckmann; Greeter: Paul Tuohy; Communion Servers:Terry and Connie Gilliland, and Carol Tribble; Communion Set Up and Clean Up: Berry Roberts and Audrey Harding. Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

JUST COFFEE PAUSE: We have sold our last bag of Just Coffee and are in the process of finding out when we will be selling coffee in the future. Please stay tuned for more information. We are hoping to have coffee to sell again by the end of the month.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS: Statements for 2025 donations have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, or if yours is incorrect please let the office know.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Administration meets Monday February 9th at 10:00 AM, Community and Global Engagement meets Tuesday February 10th at 4:00 PM, Worship meets Wednesday February 11th at 4:30 PM. All meetings are held in the office conference room.

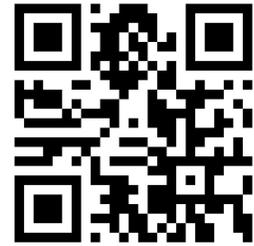
CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE DAY: Would you like to be included on the picture board in the entrance of the Sanctuary? Lou Prinz will be available **today** in the Knox room beginning at 9 AM and immediately after church for those who missed the original dates. The Knox room is accessible through the west side of the Sanctuary.

PANCAKE SUPPER: There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Geneva Hall beginning at 5:30 PM on Tuesday February 17th. Serving will be from 5:30 to 6:15 PM.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 18th: An Imposition of Ashes Service will be held in the Columbarium at 5:00 PM.

SMALL GROUPS: Faith Formation is sponsoring 4 new small groups. These 4 groups are:

- Young adults under 45 led by Martha & Paul Osbourne
- Week day meeting at Cascades led by Sylvia Thorson-Smith - beginning February 17th at 2:00 PM
- Friday at lunch time led by Cathy & Art Lurvey
- Saturday evening led by Rachael Eggebeen



Use the QR code to the right to sign up, or see Rachael Eggebeen or any member of Faith Formation for more information.

FOOD & HYGIENE PANTRY: Our food pantry helps many 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. We continue to be very busy and are in need of:

For the Food Pantry:

- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Saltine crackers
- Canned plain beans
- Canned green, non-starchy vegetables
- Pasta
- Canned pasta sauce

Following is what is needed for the Hygiene Closet:

- Deodorant for both women and men
- Facial tissue in individual packets
- Anti-bacterial/sanitizing wipes in individual packets

ISKASHITAA REFUGEE NETWORK NEEDS: bags of onions, garlic potatoes, apples; cans of tuna and tomatoes; sugar, flour, beans (dry and lentil), cooking oil, white corn flour, and pasta.