



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).

APRIL 19, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* -arr.Hayes | David Bracerros-Hamm

WELCOME The Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 589 *Alleluia* (sung twice)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

^CALL TO WORSHIP Art Almquist | Liturgist

One: We have been walking, Holy One,

**All: on roads of uncertainty and fear,
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
on winding roads that have led us here.**

One: Join us on our journey, O God.

All: By your presence, refresh our spirits and give us new direction.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 249 *Because You Live, O Christ*

^GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness.

We have been foolish to doubt your promises;

foolish to withhold love from our neighbor;

foolish to chase riches, prestige, and power;

foolish to divide your children from each other;

foolish to think hope is lost.

Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbor, in our world.

By your grace, help us walk a new road with you by our side. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! New life is possible!

All: By the grace of God we are forgiven and set free. Alleluia! Amen.

^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. 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* (sung twice)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41 | New Revised Standard Version

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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 | New Revised Standard Version

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he

vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* -arr. G. Martin/St. Mark's Choir

SERMON "Resurrection Grammar"

HYMN no. 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

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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VANCO



OFFERTORY *In the Garden/Knowing You* -arr.Tornquist | 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

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND 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 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. 251 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

^ 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 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* -arr. Larson | David Bracerros-Hamm

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: The family and friends of John Morgan (died February 5, 2026), May Trees (health concerns), Jeanette Jones (health concerns), Martha Ortiz (health concerns), Rob Selby (health concerns) and the Selby Family, Sylvia Thorson-Smith, Doug Adamson (health concerns), Joe Zimbaro (health concerns), and Janet Daub (health concerns).

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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

April 19, 2026

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: Art Almquist; Usher: Art Lurvey; Greeter: Lou Prinz; Communion servers: John Jewett, Sue Hunter, and Robin Staples; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Robin Staples; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

MOUNT LEMMON CABIN WORK DAY: Join the St Mark's community as we get our Mt Lemmon Cabin ready for the summer! We will be starting at 9am on Saturday, May 2nd. There is plenty to do for everyone, no matter your skill level or abilities. Make sure to bring work gloves, a hat, and sunscreen. Lunch and water will be provided. Please sign up at the opportunity table or contact the church office to let us know you're planning on joining.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Almost a year ago, the congregation elected a Pastor Nominating Committee to discern the best choice for St. Mark's installed pastor. Following a robust national search and interview process, the committee is very pleased to nominate the Reverend Tracy Daub as installed pastor for St. Mark's. Upon request of the PNC, the Session has approved a Congregational meeting May 3rd for the purpose of calling Rev Tracy Daub to be our installed pastor and to vote on the terms of the call. As is standard for all such meetings, Rev Tracy will not be present and a representative from Presbytery de Cristo will moderate the meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions before the vote.

All those who are members of St. Mark's are asked to attend this very important congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, May 3.

We look forward to seeing you there and to the exciting next chapter ahead for St. Mark's!

Sincerely,

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Jan Prinz, Chair

Ellen Dunscomb

Kay Orzech

Kevin Hainline

Stephanie Mitchell

Tom Guard



LIVING WITH LOSS: If you are interested in meeting with others from St. Mark's to share experiences about living with loss, please come to a first gathering in Calvin Hall following worship Today. There have been numerous losses in our community in recent months, and there has been some expression of need to work through these, or other losses of loved ones in the past.

AN ADULT EDUCATION SERIES YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

Sundays May 3 and May 10 from 12 noon – 1 p.m. in Calvin Hall

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ken McAllister, Associate Dean at the University of Arizona

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a world altering technology which generates both astonishing possibilities as well as profound concerns. St. Mark's is privileged to have an expert in this field, Dr. Ken McAllister, lead us in a two-part class on this critical topic.

Dr. McAllister, a Professor of Public & Applied Humanities at the University of Arizona, and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Humanities, is a specialist in the history of computing, digital humanities, and software preservation. He is a Co-Lead of the University of Arizona's AI in Research Team, a member of the U of A Research Computing Governance Council, and a Founding Partner of the University's Center for Digital Humanities. He has written and lectured extensively about the history of technology, from the rise of the overhead projector to the latest innovations in quantum computing. Dr. McAllister co-founded and co-directs one of the world's largest research archives dedicated to the history and culture of video games, the Learning Games Initiative Research Archive. He is married to Rev. Rachel Srubas, Pastor of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona, is the son of the late Rev. Susan Reggin, Pastor of Cohutta Presbyterian Church in Cohutta, Georgia, and was ordained as an elder in the PCUSA at the age of 17.

The two classes will offer an introduction into AI and how it functions as well as an exploration of the spiritual, theological, justice, and social implications.

Session 1: Sunday, May 3: "AI: An Accessible Introduction Into Machines That Imagine"

Session 2: Sunday, May 10: "Faith In The Age of AI: Responsibilities, Opportunities, and Dilemmas"



MONTLURE CAMPS: Are you looking to escape the Arizona heat this summer and enjoy the fresh air in the White Mountains? Montlure is holding service camps and looking for volunteers. There are many dates available for groups and individuals. Visit <https://www.montlure.org/greer/#work-camps> for dates and sign up. If you are looking for other ways to contribute, visit the Montlure website <https://www.montlure.org/>

SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING: Sponsored by the Faith Formation Ministry Team, there are 4 new small groups that have formed.

- Young adults under 45 led by Martha & Paul Osbourne
- 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.

For the Food Pantry, we need:

- Cereal, bagged and boxed
- Fruit in cans
- Chicken, in cans and pouches
- Plain beans in pouches
- Prepared beans (such as refried beans or baked beans) in pouches
- Vegetables in cans and plastic containers
- Saltine crackers
- Pasta sauce
- Soup (no cream soups, please)
- Peanut butter in jars and squeeze bottles
- Canned ready-to-eat meals such as Chef Boyardee or Spaghetti-Os
- Shelf-stable milk
- Individually wrapped cutlery 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.

249 Because You Live, O Christ

1 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to
 2 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the rain - bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark - ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and contains a piano accompaniment. Both staves feature a series of chords in the first four measures, followed by a melodic line in the fifth measure, and a final chord in the sixth measure. A slur is placed over the melodic line in the fifth measure of both staves.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name. *Fine*

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!

burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

The good news of the Resurrection is retold in this lively hymn from Tanzania, blending 20th-century words with a traditional melody. In African call-and-response practice, the stanzas would ordinarily be sung by a soloist or small group and the refrain by the whole congregation.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful

sting he has come to de-destroy. Our sin for-giv-ing,

al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!