



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).

MAY 3, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE *Cannot Hide From God* | arr. Kartsonakis | 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 Inspired by Psalm 31 | Kay Orzech | Liturgist

One: In You, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

All: You are our rock and our refuge. Our times are in your hands.

One: For your name's sake, lead us and guide us. Save us with your steadfast love.

All: Shine upon us this day as we worship you.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 360 *Christ is Coming*

^GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God of mercy, we confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be. You are the Way, but we have chosen other pathways in our quest for meaning, and have gotten lost. You are the Truth, but we are accustomed to the falsehoods of our culture and accept lies as truth. You are the Life, but often the pursuit of money, personal pleasures, and material possessions dominate our time and energies, leaving us empty inside. Forgive us, O God. Set us free from all that keeps us from knowing the abundant life you offer. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! In Christ we are offered rest from our fruitless labors, forgiveness for our sins, and the promise of abundant life both now and in the life to come.

All: Thanks be to God who has set us free!

^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

Presbyterian Outlook

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively) NRSV

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14 | New Revised Standard Version

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Refuge and Strength* | Hayes | St Mark's Choir

SERMON "The Way Home"

HYMN no. 820 *Nothing Can Trouble* (sung 3 times)

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.*

venmo



VANCO



OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul* | arr. Bock | 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:

OPPORTUNITIES

May 3, 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: Kay Orzech; Usher: Carol Dieckmann; Greeter: Terry Gilliland; Communion servers: Terry and Connie Gilliland and Charles Ambrose; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Sue Thorne; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM: will meet Tuesday, May 5 at 4pm in the Office Conference Room

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: is back Sunday, May 10 during worship in room 2

BIG COFFEE: returns Sunday, May 10 after worship in the South Courtyard

ADMINISTRATION TEAM: will meet Monday, May 11 at 10am in the Office Conference Room

WORSHIP TEAM: will meet Tuesday, May 13 at 4:30pm in the Office Conference Room

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Lynne Davies' Memorial Service on May 9 at 11am

Pat Williams' Memorial Service on June 6 at 10am

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 TODAY.

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



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"

SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE



This year St. Mark's local Pentecost Offering during May will benefit Sister José Women's Center, a St. Mark's partner in services which transform the lives of unhoused women. The Center provides a stable and safe environment to recuperate from the struggles of homelessness and extreme poverty. Sister José's provides life-changing support for a transition out of housing insecurity. For many guests, the Center is the only safe haven and first step to recovery.

Your donations will assist Sister José's with unmet needs.

Donate through your Vanco and Venmo accounts or the offering envelopes in the sharing folders on each seat row at Sunday worship.

We can change lives!



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 3 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:

- Fruit in cans
- Chicken, in cans and pouches
- beans in pouches, both plain and prepared, such as refried beans or baked beans
- Vegetables in cans and plastic containers
- Saltine and Ritz crackers, or any crackers packed in sleeves
- Pasta sauce in cans (no glass jars, please)
- Bottled water (16.9 or 8 ounce bottles only please)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Cereal, bagged

For the Hygiene Closet, we need:

- Soap and body wash, small bottles or travel size
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Shaving cream
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Toothpaste

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.

360 Christ Is Coming!

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus
 rest and home, but in heaven - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.

Nothing Can Trouble

820

Nada te turbe

1

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass clef staff contains a bass line of quarter notes. A first ending bracket is placed over the final two measures of the system.

2

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

The second system of musical notation is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melody of quarter notes. The bass clef staff contains a bass line of quarter notes. A second ending bracket is placed over the final two measures of the system.

This meditative refrain from Taizé is based on a saying attributed to Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing trouble you; let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

TEXT: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; para. Taizé Community: Spanish, 1986; English, 1995
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986
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NADA TE TURBE
Irregular

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



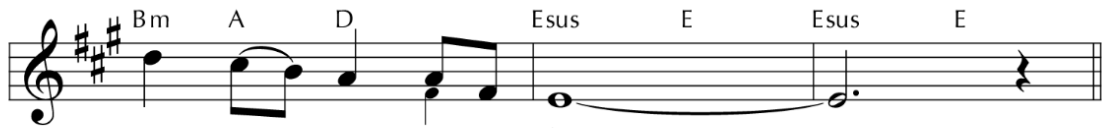
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.