



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 17, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE *Morning has Broken* | arr. Saborn | 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 68 | Trianna Oglivie | Liturgist

One: Sing to God everyone!

**All: Praise God, the protector of the defenseless, the one
who leads captives to freedom.**

One: We are some of those captives! We come so that we may be set free from all
that binds us.

All: We gather to hear God's powerful voice of truth and love.

One: Let us worship the God who gives strength to God's people.

^GATHERING SONG *Early In The Mornin'* (see insert for lyrics) | Paul Stookey

^GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy One, we are busy people. We can hardly sit still long enough to pray, or to notice your realm around us, or to listen for your voice. We come to you today with our short attention spans, our impatience, and our self-important agendas, and we seek your forgiveness. Forgive us for attempting to draw solely upon our own power and our own wisdom, when you are at hand. Calm us into a quiet space. Gentle our anxious hearts and minds. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We have received the good news of God's love and forgiveness in our lives.
And this news has changed us! We are new creations through God's grace!

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11 | NRSV

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14 | NRSV

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Chelsea Morning* (see insert for lyrics) | Joni Mitchell | Folk Song Leaders

SERMON "When God Leaves"

SONG RESPONSES *Morning Has Broken (traditional Gaelic)* (see insert for lyrics)

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 *I Lift My Eyes Up/All Creatures of Our God and King* | 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 Thom Shuman

OPPORTUNITIES

RECOGNITION OF ALL GRADUATES

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 SONG *Here Comes The Sun* (see insert for lyrics) | Lennon and McCartney

^ 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. Hayes | David Bracerros-Hamm

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: 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 Zimbardo (health concerns), Janet Daub (health concerns), Cynthia Henry (health concerns), and Paul Osborne (knee replacement)

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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

May 17, 2026

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

ASSEMBLING HYGIENE BAGS FOR SISTER JOSE: is taking place TODAY after worship in Knox Hall

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Trianna Oglivie; Usher: Margaret Wilkie; Greeter: Lou Prinz; Communion servers: Connie Gilliland, Sue Hunter, and Robin Staples; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Robin Staples; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM: will meet Tuesday, May 19 at 10am in the Office Conference Room

LIVING WITH LOSS: will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 2pm in the Office Conference Room

THE SESSION: will meet Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm in the Office Conference Room.

Good News! The AI Class Continues!

The Adult Class on Artificial Intelligence has been given an extended run of one more week!

There was just too much important material to cover in our planned 2 sessions, so Dr. Ken McAllister has graciously agreed to return this Sunday, May 17 for a final class. The class will be held following worship at 12 noon in Calvin Hall. Everyone is welcome!

OFFERING FOR SISTER JOSE



During the month of May, St. Mark's is collecting money for Sister Jose Women's Center. As one of our mission partners, we support the ongoing work of Sister Jose through the Supper Club, building hygiene kits and clothing donations. All proceeds collected through the month of May will go directly to Sister Jose to support their work at the Center. You may use the Vanco and Venmo codes in the Worship guide or place your offering in one of the envelopes found in the pew folders. Please mark Sister Jose on the envelope. Thank you all for sharing your abundance.

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.

To keep the bags light and easy to carry, we request no family-size boxes, cans or bottles, and no glass jars. Please know that we can only use shelf-stable and non-perishable items. Thanks!

For the Food Pantry, we need:

- Cereal, bagged and in boxes
- Pasta in boxes
- Pasta sauce in cans
- Soup (no cream soup, please)
- Beans in pouches, both plain and prepared, such as refried beans or baked beans
- Vegetables in cans and plastic containers
- Peanut butter in jars and squeeze bottles
- Saltine and Ritz crackers, or any crackers packed in sleeves
- Fruit in cans and plastic containers
- Canned pasta dinners, such as Chef Boyardee and Spaghetti-Os
- Canned tuna
- Spam
- Shelf-stable milk
- Bottled water (16.9 or 8 ounce bottles only please)
- Plastic utensil packets, individually wrapped

For the Hygiene Closet, we need small or travel-sized:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Laundry detergent
- Soap and body wash

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.

In memory of Pat Williams; a member of The St Mark's Folkies who loved Peter, Paul and Mary, Joni Mitchell, and the Beatles. In joy for the sunlight coming through the new curtains in the Sanctuary.

Early In The Mornin'

Well early in the mornin' 'bout the break of day; I asked the Lord help me find the way.

Help me find the way to the promised land. This lonely body needs a helping hand,

I asked the Lord to help me please, Find the way.

When the new day is a-dawning, bow my head in prayer.

I pray to Lord won't you lead me there?

Won't you guide me safely to the golden stair?

Won't you let this body your burden share?

I pray to Lord won't you lead me please, Lead me there?

When the judgement comes to find the world in shame,

When the trumpet blows won't you call my name?

When the thunder rolls and the heavens rain,

When the sun turns black, never shine again,

When the trumpet blows won't you call me please, Call my name?

Chelsea Morning

Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning and the first thing that I heard,
was the song outside my window, and the traffic wrote the words
It came ringing up like Christmas bells and rapping up like pipes and drums.
Oh, won't you stay? We'll put on the day and we'll wear it 'till the night comes.

Woke up it was a Chelsea morning and the first thing that I saw,
was the sun thru yellow curtains and a rainbow on the wall.
Red, green and gold to welcome you crimson crystal beads to beckon.
Oh, won't you stay? We'll put on the day. There's a sun show every second.

Now the curtain opens on a portrait of today.
And the streets are paved with passers by and pigeons fly and papers lie,
waiting to blow away.

Woke up it was a Chelsea morning and the first thing that I knew
There was milk and toast and honey, and a bowl of oranges too,
and the sun poured in like butter scotch and stuck to all my senses.
Oh, won't you stay? We'll put on the day, and we'll talk in present tenses.

Now the curtain closes and the rainbow runs away,
I will bring you incense owls at night by candle light, by jewel light if only you will stay.
Wake up. It's a Chelsea morning.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning.

Black bird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing. Praise for the morning.

Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,

born of the one light Eden saw play.

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

Here Comes The Sun

Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun. It's all right.

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter.

Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here.

Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun. It's all right.

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces.

Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here.

Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun. It's all right.

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting.

Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear.

Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun. It's all right.

Sun, Sun, Sun, here it comes.