



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 31, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision | arr. Helvey | David Bracerros-Hamm

WELCOME

The Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 288 *Spirit of the Living God* (sung twice)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

^CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Prinz | Liturgist

One: Friends, we gather to give thanks to our Creator, who claims us in love.

All: We gather to give thanks to Jesus Christ, who redeems us in love.

One: We gather to give thanks to the Spirit, who sustains us and guides us in love.

All: In gratitude and joy, we worship the One triune God, whose steadfast love endures forever!

^GATHERING HYMN no.20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

^GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We hold grudges. We are stingy with mercy and grace. We are reluctant to share. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become followers of the way of Love and Mercy. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us again on your holy way. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5 | NRSV

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20 | NRSV

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Joyful Praise | Hal H Hopson | St. Mark's Handbell Choir

SERMON

"Room for Doubt"

HYMN no. 456 *Listen, God is Calling*

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

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever | arr. Larson | 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.733 *We All Are One in Mission*

^ 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 *This Little Light of Mine | arr. Curry | 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), and Cynthia Henry (health concerns).

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OFFICE HOURS

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Monday-Thursday 9AM - Noon

OUR PURPOSE

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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 31, 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: Jan Prinz; Usher: Richard Gray; Greeter: Ann Moynihan; Communion servers: Charles Ambrose, Tricia and Jim Heller; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Robin Staples; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM: is meeting on Monday, June 1 at 1pm in the Office Conference Room.

PERSONNEL TEAM: is meeting on Monday, June 1 at 4:30pm in the Office Conference Room.

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM: is meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 3pm in the Office Conference Room.

PAT WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SERVICE: will be Saturday, June 6 at 10am in the Sanctuary, followed by an interment in the Columbarium and a reception in Geneva Hall. The service will also be Livestreamed.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM: is meeting Monday, June 8 at 10am in the Office Conference Room

JUNE IS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Wear **Orange** on **Sunday June 7** *

WHY ORANGE?

ORANGE IS MORE THAN A COLOR.
IT'S A CALL TO END GUN VIOLENCE.

Orange is the national color for Gun Violence Awareness. It represents the value of human life and our commitment to a future free from gun violence.

THE MEANING BEHIND ORANGE

- HUMAN LIFE**
Orange honors the value of every life and reminds us that every life matters.
- HOPE & CHANGE**
It reflects hope for a safer tomorrow and the possibility of change through action.
- A VOICE FOR CHANGE**
Wearing orange shows support for survivors, advocates, and everyone working to end gun violence.
- UNITY**
It brings together communities, sparks conversations, and drives collective action.

THE REALITY

- MORE THAN 48,000 PEOPLE** die from gun violence in the U.S. every year. — CDC
- GUN VIOLENCE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS** in the U.S. — Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions
- COUNTLESS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE IMPACTED EVERY DAY.** Behind every number is a story.

WEAR ORANGE. SHARE HOPE. TAKE ACTION.
Together, we can end gun violence.

FOREVER OSHAUN FOUNDATION

After worship, we will take a picture of St. Markans in **orange** to share with the local chapter of Moms Demand Action to support awareness of gun violence prevention efforts in Tucson and beyond!

(* not as announced in worship for May 30 – oops!)



EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY TIME

The Christian Church is about to enter the liturgical season entitled "Ordinary Time." What an uninspiring sounding name! This year, St. Mark's is celebrating "*Extraordinary Ordinary Time*." And our celebration begins with taking a fresh look at the ordinary items of our lives which are used to do extraordinary things, bring extraordinary joy, or share extraordinary blessings.

The Worship Team plans to create a "sculpture" on the chancel from the ordinary items that are used in ways that enrich and bless our lives. But in order to create that sculpture, we are asking you to let us borrow something that represents an ordinary but extraordinary item in your life.

Consider the many possibilities: a basketball, a bike helmet, a kitchen spatula, a running shoe, a can of paint, a pair of knitting needles, a quilt, a cookbook, a beer stein, a dog leash, a book, a wrench, etc. We are open to almost (almost!) anything. Ask yourself: what ordinary item makes it possible for you to experience God's blessings, to find fulfillment and meaning, to enjoy the gift of life, to share the gift of life and love with others?

Please consider the following when sharing your item with our congregation:

- please bring your contributions to church **by Sunday, June 14**.
- please attach your name and phone number to your item so it can be returned to you after the sculpture is taken down.
- please plan to let us borrow your item for 6-8 weeks.
- please do not contribute anything so precious that if it were damaged, you would be devastated (no precious family heirlooms, please!).

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!

At this time, our greatest needs are for:

- Pasta sauce in cans
- Cereal, bagged or in boxes

We are also in need of:

- Pasta in boxes
- Beans in pouches, both plain and prepared, such as refried beans or baked beans
- Vegetables in cans and plastic containers
- Canned chicken and chicken in pouches
- Peanut butter in jars
- Fruit in cans
- Ramen, in packets and in cups
- Shelf-stable milk
- Plastic utensil packets, individually wrapped

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

- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Tampons

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.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

Listen, God Is Calling

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Neno lake Mungu

Refrain

Leader *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
 Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
 ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

Leader *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.