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# WELCOME

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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).

June 7, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**PRELUDE** *Neo-Classique* | Hayes | David Bracerros-Hamm

**WELCOME** The Rev. Tracy Daub

**CENTERING SONG** no. 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (sung twice)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

**^CALL TO WORSHIP** Kay Orzech | Liturgist

One: We come to worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**All: God is the giver of all things, seen and unseen.**

One: We gather to worship the Source of Life and the Giver of Mercy.

**All: We praise the One who is our hope.**

**^GATHERING HYMN** no.435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**^GATHERING PRAYER** adapted from Rev Stephen Miller, [churchofscotland.org.uk/worship](http://churchofscotland.org.uk/worship)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**Merciful God, your steadfast love astonishes us and at times offends us. Where we are quick to judge others, you extend grace. Where we honor the privileged, you prioritize the lowly, the marginalized, and the weak. Where we hold grudges, you extend mercy. Forgive us, O God, for we are the ones in need of your grace, your compassion, and your mercy. Transform our lives and our hearts, we pray. 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. 659 *Know That God is Good* (sung twice)

**Know that God is good. Know that God is good.  
Know that God is good. God is good. God is good.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Valley Presbyterian Church, CT, valleypresct.org

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 33:1-5 (read responsively) | NRSV

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.**

Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all God's work is done in faithfulness.**

God loves righteousness and justice;

**the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 | NRSV

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Be Good* | Lara Ruggles

**SERMON** "Mercy, Mercy Me"

**HYMN no. 341** *O God, Show Mercy to Us*

**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**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* | arr. Courtney | 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**

Adapted from Thom M Shuman, [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Sung Response Hymn 437** *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

**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 no. 544** *Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**^ SENDING HYMN no.789** *Jesus, Savior, Lord Now to You I Come*

**^ 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** *Wherever I May Wander* | arr. Page | David Bracerros-Hamm

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**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), 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

June 7, 2026

To view the live church calendar please visit [www.stmarksaz.org](http://www.stmarksaz.org)  
To join the church email list please email [churchadmin@stmarksaz.org](mailto:churchadmin@stmarksaz.org)

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:** Liturgist: Kay Orzech; Usher: Margaret Wilkie; Greeter: Lou Prinz; Communion servers: Robin Staples, Ellen Dunscomb, and Gail Kocourek; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Sue Thorne; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

**SMALL GROUPS:** are taking a break for the summer but will continue in the fall

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** is taking a break for the summer but will continue in the fall

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

**BIG COFFEE:** will be after worship on June 14 in the South Courtyard

**THE SESSION:** is meeting Tuesday, June 16 at 7pm in the Office Conference Room

## GOOD FUTURES UPDATE

Since April 2024, the Good Futures Team has been meeting regularly to shape a vision for how a portion of our property could be used to serve our community through affordable housing.

St. Mark's has signed a Feasibility Study agreement with [Vitalyst Health Foundation](#) and received a \$5,000 grant to support this work. In addition, local architect John Campisano has generously offered pro bono assistance and will prepare drawings to help us imagine what may be possible.

Our first meeting with our Development Coach, David Wohl with [Sabino Community Development Resources](#), selected through Vitalyst, took place on May 29. David's role is to help us understand the many aspects of affordable housing; including tax credits, ground leases, community needs, available government funding, and the hopes of the congregation. Over the next six months, we will work together to develop a plan focused on the north half of our campus.

As this work moves forward, updates will be shared with Session, the congregation, and our neighbors so that we can listen, learn, and move thoughtfully together. We remain grateful for the Holy Spirit's gentle guidance as we seek to respond faithfully to the needs of our community.

Your Good Futures Team:

Mike Block, Tracy Daub, Rachael Eggebeen, Trianna Ogilvie, Martha Osborne, and Irvin Richards. We would also like to honor the work of Tom Miller.



## 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!).



**ST MARK'S IS HOSTING TIHAN'S POZ CAFE THURSDAY, AUGUST 20!** Mark your calendar now to be a set of helping hands at this important monthly social event for those living with HIV. Questions?

Contact Stephanie Mitchell [thundermitchell@gmail.com](mailto:thundermitchell@gmail.com)



## NON-PARTISAN VOTING INFORMATION TABLE

St. Mark's Community and Global Engagement ministry team is encouraging everyone to vote both in the primary on July 21 and the general election on November 3.

Visit our non-partisan voting information table after worship today! You can ask questions about the voting process in Pima County and Arizona and also register to vote if you need to do so. The last day to register before the primary is Monday, June 22. If you are already registered, learn about verifying your information so that you are ready to vote.

**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
- Beans in pouches

Other items we are low on:

- Vegetables in cans and plastic containers
- Peanut butter in jars
- Ramen, in packets and in cups
- Shelf-stable milk
- Chewy granola or meal replacement bars, such as Lara Bars

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

- Shaving cream

**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.

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

# 341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your  
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous-

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your  
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con-

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be  
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be  
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dante to us its fruit will

As this paraphrase shows, Psalm 67 combines many themes: a communal prayer for blessing, a prayer for all people to acknowledge God, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In Jewish practice it was recited at the end of every Sabbath, a reminder of God's universal sovereignty.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS



shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions  
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing



sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.  
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.

## 789 Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come

*Saranam, saranam*

Refrain

Je - sus, Sav - ior, Lord, now to you I come. Sa - ra -  
You're my rock, my ref - uge, my heaven - ly home. Sa - ra -

*Fine*

nam, sa-ra-nam, sa-ra - nam. 1 From the earth wher-ev-er I may be,  
2 In your heart give me a hid-ing place,  
3 Then with joy to you my vows I'll pay,

out of des - per - a - tion and through ag - o - ny, I cry in  
and be - neath your wings let me find shel-tering grace; O let me  
and give thanks for all your mer - cy ev - ery day. I'll hum - bly

*to Refrain*

help-less-ness: O an - swer me. Sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam.  
see the sun - shine of your face. Sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam.  
fol - low in your per - fect way. Sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam.

Claimed by both Pakistanis and Indians, this is one of the most popular South Asian hymns. The text represents a Christian adaptation of Psalm 61, and the psalm's theme is reinforced by the mantra-like repetition of the word "saranam," meaning "I take refuge" or "surrender."