

# 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).

**July 19, 2026 | 10:30 AM**

**^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**PRELUDE**     *You Are* | Mark Unbehagen   | 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** (inspired from Psalm 139) | Audrey Harding | Liturgist

One: We have come to worship God.

**All:** who knows us even better than we know ourselves.

One: whose presence never leaves us,

**All:** whose love for us never ceases.

One: This is our God!

**^GATHERING HYMN no.308** *O God, In Whom All Life Begins*

## ▲ GATHERING PRAYER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (inspired by Psalm 139)

**O God, you know me. You know when I lie down and when I rise. You know my heart and my mind. You know what I say and what I think. You know my goodness and my failures. And still you love me. Forgive me for the ways I flee from you and your holy way. Forgive me when I sink into unhealthy behaviors and thoughts and attitudes. Forgive me for seeking other pathways of meaning than yours. Forgive me, O God and lead me in your everlasting way. Amen.**

*(a moment follows for silent personal confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,  
and the light around me will be night,"

**All:** Even the darkness is not dark to God.

One: God's grace and love are steadfast and sure.

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**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | NRSV

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:24-33 | NRSV

[Jesus] put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow

good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      *The Holy City* | Weatherly/Adams | Amber Denslow | solo

**SERMON**      "Questions about Evil"

**HYMN no. 686**    *God of Our Life*

### **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**      *Dream God's Dream* | Bryan Sirchio | 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

## BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**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, Janet Daub (health concerns), and Cynthia Henry (health concerns).

And is a force for justice in the world.

# OPPORTUNITIES

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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: Audrey Harding; Greeter: Lou Prinz; Usher: Richard Gray; Communion servers: Charles Ambrose, Alejandro Delgado, and Terry Gilliliand; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Robin Staples; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

## Re-Keying the Gates

We will be re-keying the gates THIS WEDNESDAY, July 22. New gate keys will be available starting at 1pm on July 22. If you currently have a gate key, please bring it to the Church Office between 9am-4pm Monday-Thursday to exchange it for a new one. If you have any questions, please contact Abby at [churchadmin@stmarksaz.org](mailto:churchadmin@stmarksaz.org).

## Living with Loss Update

The Living with Loss group will next meet in early September. We decided with summer vacations and traveling, it makes sense to resume in the fall. We hope to encourage more folks to participate when the group resumes.

This summer we will draw up some topics for discussion and sharing at each gathering.

## Every Vote Counts

The Primary Election is Tuesday, July 21.

If you still have your early ballot, the mail deadline has passed. Take your ballot to an Early Voting Site until July 17 at 5 p.m., drop it in a ballot drop box through election day at 7 p.m., or take your ballot to a Vote Center on election day July 21.

Locations for Vote Centers and ballot drop-off are on the Pima County Recorder's website



If you're not sure of times or locations, you can talk to a helpful staff member by calling 520-724-4330.

**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!

Food Pantry Requests:

- Cereal: boxed and bagged
- Vegetables, canned and in easy open plastic containers
- Fruit in cans or easy-open plastic containers
- Peanut butter in small jars
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce in cans
- Drinking water, 16.9 ounce bottles or smaller

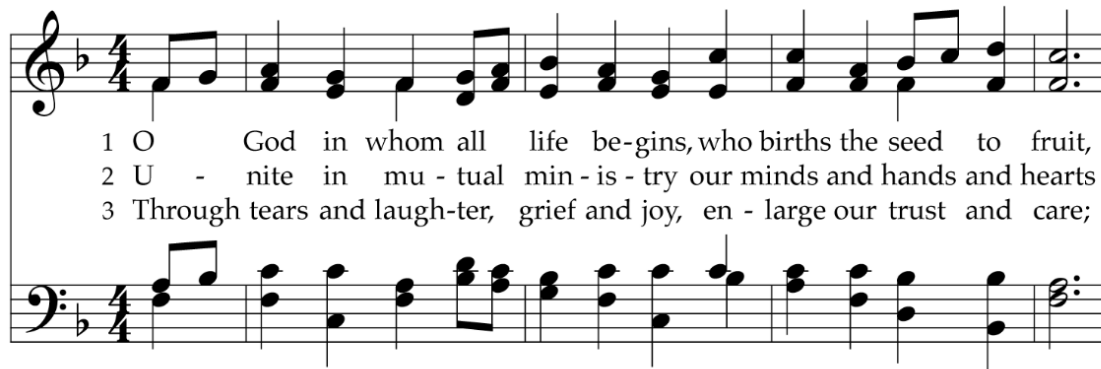
Hygiene Closet Requests: (all small or travel size items please)

- Toilet paper in single rolls
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Disposable razors
- Dental combos (toothbrush and toothpaste)
- Soap and body wash

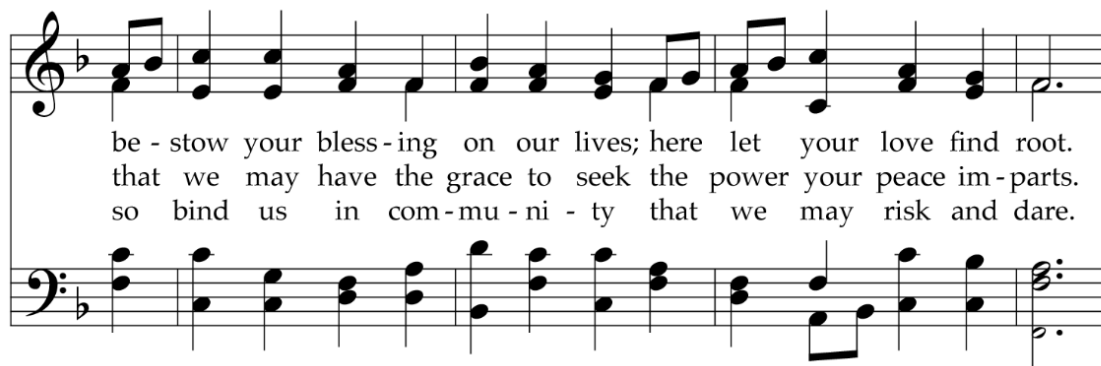
To see the complete list of items we use in the pantry and print a shopping list, check out <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PO3poQ7h5dhJ1udUTisrntkoPvuVjMm4BBtnzjeXf3U/edit?usp=sharing> (link also included in Esta Semana)

**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

# O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



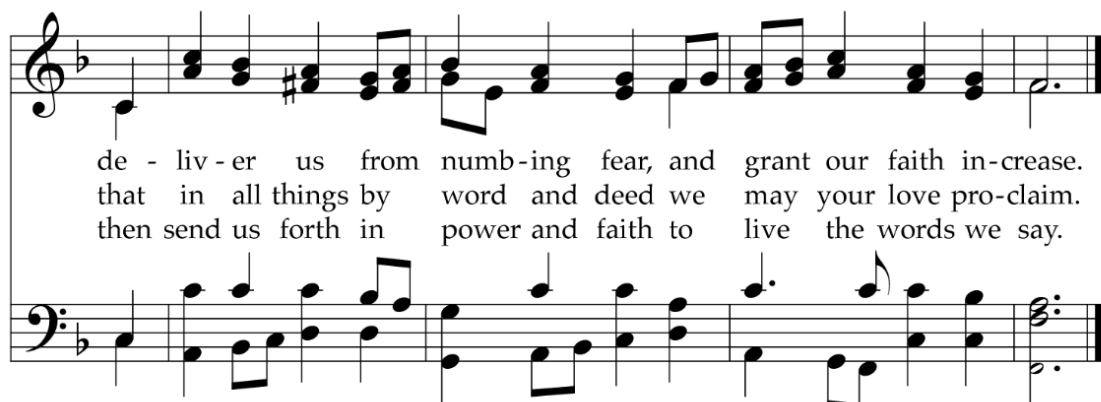
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

## God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.  
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.  
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.  
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.  
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,  
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,  
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.  
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.  
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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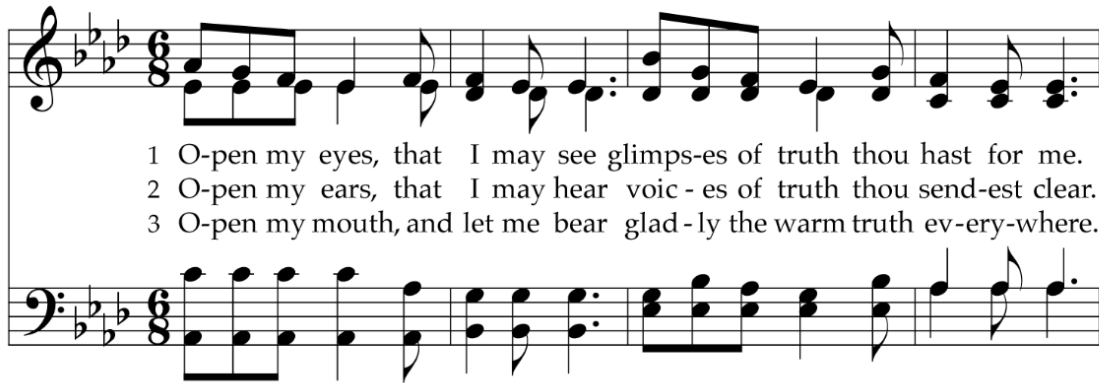
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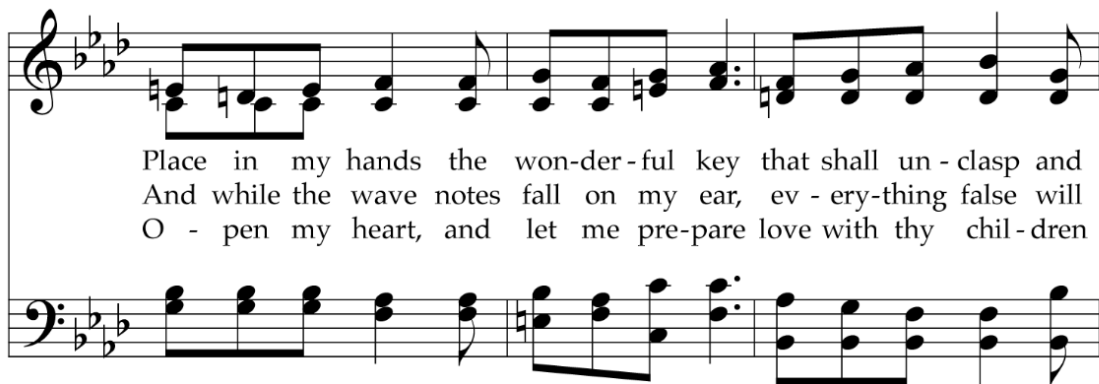
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# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
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 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.