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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).

October 11, 2026 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE *The Bygone Days* | Joe Hissaishi | Yi Yun Chin

WELCOME Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 48 *Rain Down (sung twice)*

**Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.**

^CALL TO WORSHIP Audrey Harding | Liturgist

One: We come here because we have been summoned by Love.

All: God's love abides in us.

One: We come here burdened by a week's worth of disappointments and hardships.

All: God's love abides in us.

One: We come here grateful for beauty and community.

All: God's love abides in us.

One: We come as imperfect people who love imperfectly.

All: God's love abides in us.

One: God's love abides in us, so that our love may abide with one another.

Let us worship God.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

^GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God of love, we admit that we humans do not always love well. We separate, divide, and break into groups. Convinced we are in the right, we judge others and gravitate to our own "kind." And we ignore, permit, and even sanction grave injustices against other people. Holy One, this is a dismal and disastrous state of affairs. Forgive what has gone wrong within the human heart and soul, and what has gone wrong within us as individuals. Mend us and heal us, 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. 447 *We Are Forgiven (sung twice)*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26 | NRSV

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-21 | NRSV

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Like a River in My Soul* | arr. Tim Osiek | St. Mark's Choir

SERMON "The Love Connection" Rev. Tracy Daub

HYMN no. 693 *Though I May Speak*

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* | Dan Musselman | Yi Yun Chin

^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.

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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. 520 *Taste and See (refrain only)*

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

^ SENDING HYMN no. 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

^ CHARGE from Rom 12:9, 17; 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 *Jesus Paid it All* | Elvina M. Hall | Yi Yun Chin

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Jeanette Jones (health concerns), Martha Ortiz (health concerns), Rob Selby (health concerns) and the Selby Family, and Cynthia Henry (health concerns).

OPPORTUNITIES

October 11th, 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: Audrey Harding; Greeter: JP Berdine; Usher: Margaret Wilkie; Communion Servers: Becky Cook, Martha Osborne, and Betsy Hughes; Communion Setup/Cleanup: Berry Roberts and Audrey Harding; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: is TODAY during worship in Room 2

CHURCH POTLUCK: will be after worship TODAY in the South Courtyard

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, October 12 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM: is meeting Tuesday, October 13 at 4pm in the Office Conference Room

BOOK CLUB: is meeting Thursday, October 15 at 11am in the Office Conference Room. They will be discussing *Communion* by bell hooks

THE FRIDAY LUNCH GROUP: will meet again on Oct. 16 at BJs (SE corner of Broadway & Craycroft) at 11:30 am. Please call Cathy Lurvey ([520-615-4768](tel:520-615-4768)) or send text ([520-488-6922](tel:520-488-6922)) to be included in the count so an accurate reservation can be made.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF ST MARK'S? If you are interested in formalizing your relationship with St. Mark's by becoming a member, speak with Tracy. She will be organizing a New Members class sometime this fall.

"WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT" ADULT EDUCATION CLASS NEXT WEEK

After worship on October 18th in Geneva Hall, Becky Cook and Audrey Harding will share a League of Women Voters presentation about the matters and positions on the November ballot.

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER - ISKASHITAA PRESBYTERIAN CHALLENGE

Iskashitaa challenges the Presbyterian congregations in southern AZ to a friendly competition to see which church can donate the most food staples for refugee families in our region. While St. Mark's members regularly donate food to Iskashitaa, we are joining in this challenge with the hopes that our participation will encourage other congregations to join in the effort. Recent funding cuts have greatly impacted refugee families, making them especially in need of food staples. Let's make an extra push to bring in donations for Iskashitaa!

“EUREKA DAY” RUNNING NOVEMBER 1ST - 22ND

Come see member (and liturgist) Art Almquist in EUREKA DAY at the Invisible Theatre!

This is an extraordinary, multiple award-winning comedy having its Tucson premiere. Eureka Day is a progressive, exclusive private school in Berkley, and its five member board prides itself on making decisions only by consensus to ensure that everyone has a voice. But when a mumps outbreak threatens the school, facts become subjective and every solution divisive, well-intentioned people suddenly find themselves grappling with the central question of our time: how do you build consensus when no one can agree on the truth?

The show is directed by Amy Almquist, Art's wife, and runs November 1 - 22 for sixteen performances. It's right up St Mark's' alley!

Tickets can be purchased at www.invisibletheatre.com or by calling (520) 882-9721. Gather some friends and treat yourself to an afternoon or evening of some terrific theatre!

VOLUNTARY SAFE SURRENDER OF GUNS AT GUNS TO GARDENS TUCSON EVENT OCT 17

Many people are in possession of unwanted firearms and have no trusted place to discard them without turning them back out into the market. They may have guns that were inherited. They may have children, grandchildren, or other at-risk family members in the home. These guns can lead to unintentional shootings, and if stolen, be used to hurt others.

Saturday, October 17, 2026

10 am — Noon

St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

4440 N. Campbell Avenue

(Enter parking lot off N. Campbell Avenue.)

Tucson, AZ 85718

This event is open only to those bringing unwanted firearms. No ammunition accepted. Firearms must be UNLOADED and stored in the vehicle's trunk. A Guns to Gardens team member will remove them for dismantling.

Sunday, October 18, 2026: Blacksmithing Demonstration

Noon — 2 pm

The public is invited to see how people of faith and conscience throughout the nation are transforming firearms into garden tools and other works of art. This event is a blacksmithing demonstration only; no firearms accepted.

For more information, email gunstogardens@southsidepres.org.

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:

- Pasta, in boxes
- Pasta sauce, in cans
- Canned tuna
- Fruit in cans and easy-open tops
- Saltine crackers
- Peanut butter in jars and large squeeze pouches

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

- Anti-bacterial wipes in pouches (no large containers, please)
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Toothpaste
- Tampons
- Dish soap
- Toothbrushes

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.

STAFF

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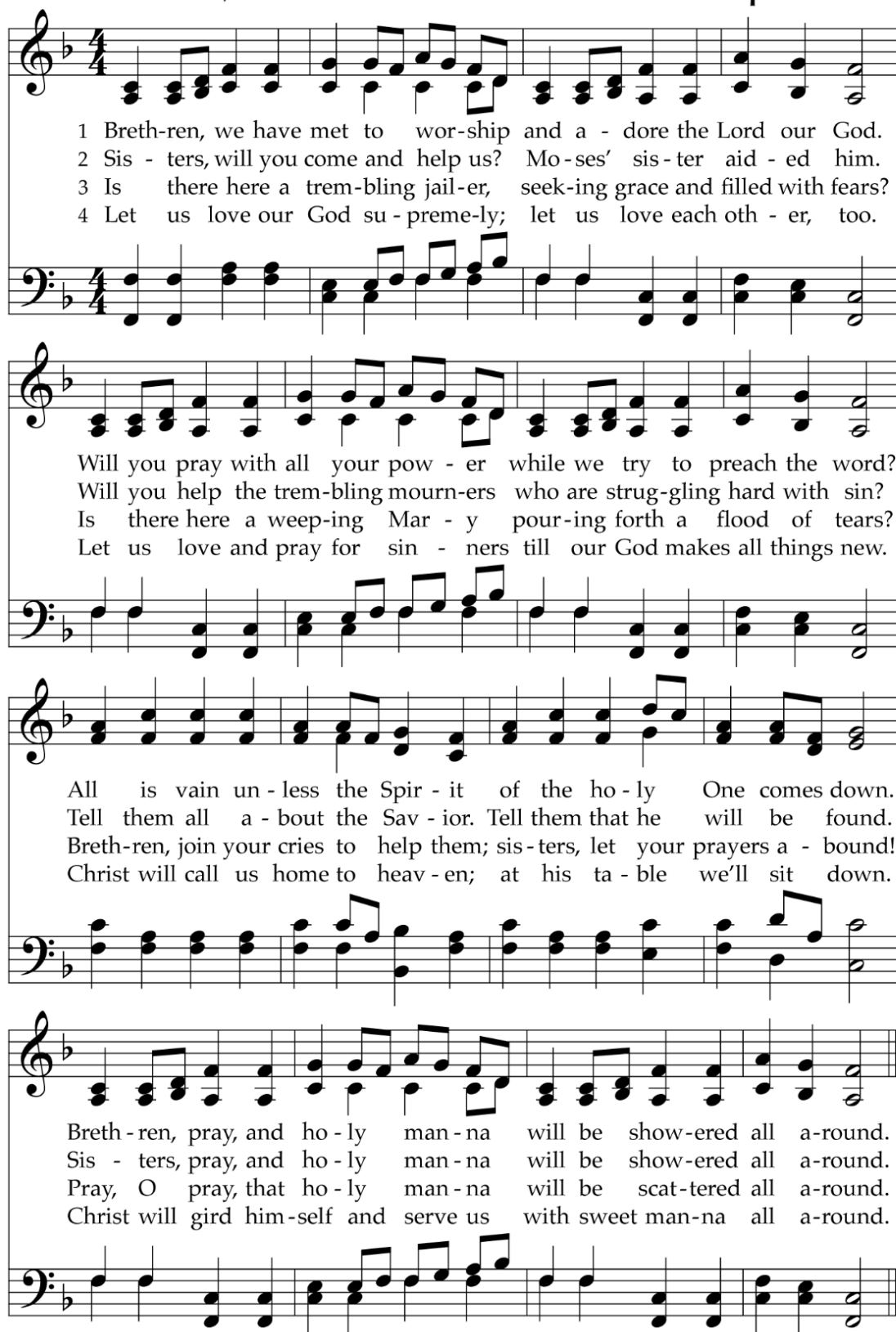
OFFICE HOURS

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.

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav-en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

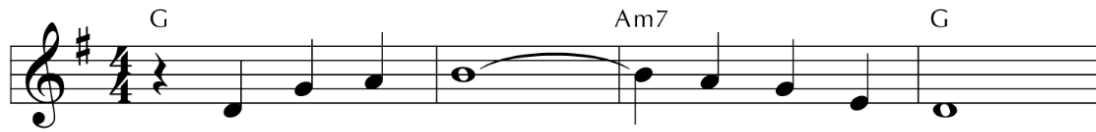
Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

Though I May Speak

The Gift of Love

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1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.