

**The People of Saint Mark United
Methodist Church Gather to Worship**

March 26, 2023

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Andy Tyler

Prelude and Entrance of the Light of Christ

Diane Stewart

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Rita Bonin

Enter God's gates with gladness.

Enter God's courts with praise.

For we are God's people,

the sheep of God's pasture.

Serve God with joyful hearts.

Love God by showing justice and mercy.

Enter God's gates with gladness.

Enter God's courts with praise.

Let us Pray:

God of justice, you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that when you come again, we will know your face. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

***The Apostles' Creed**

UMH No. 881

Rita Bonin

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and he sitteth at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

***Glory Be to the Father**

UMH No. 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen. Amen.*

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Psalm 98

Rita Bonin

This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to the Children

FWS No. 2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worship-
ping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.*

Children's Time

Becky King

Prayer and Thanksgiving

Personal Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Andy Tyler

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 434

When the Poor Ones

The Offering

Musical Offertory

Diane Stewart

God Will Take Care of You

***The Doxology**

UMH No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures
here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Offertory Prayer**

Rita Bonin

Message through Song

Chancel Choir

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Proclamation and Response

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25: 31-46

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Andy Tyler

Thy Kingdom Come: Caring for the Least of These

Sending Forth

***Hymn of Commitment**

FWS No. 2176

sing twice

Make Me a Servant

Invitation to Christian Response and Witness

As we sing, an invitation is extended to all who desire membership in this church on Profession of Faith or by transfer of membership from another church. During the singing of the hymn, please come to the altar and be warmly greeted by the pastor and congregation.

***Benediction/Blessing**

Andy Tyler

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***Sending Forth**

Rule of Life

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

In preparation for next week:

Matthew 21: 1-17

Psalm 118

**All able are invited to stand*

Weekly Happenings...

Prayer Group meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) is our mid-week program for children ages 4 years through 8th grade. A light meal is served at 5:30, followed by a time of learning Bible Stories, playing games, singing, and making crafts that reinforce what they have learned.

Chancel Choir - Our Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. This is a lively group that is dedicated to enhancing our morning worship through song. They always welcome new voices.

Breadbasket - Our food ministry is open each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to help with the food distribution. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Agape Groups meet with a group leader each week at the times below. Groups are a time of fellowship and sharing. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the group of their choice. We are open to adding additional groups if these times do not work for you. Please contact the church office or the group leader on how to join a group.

- Monday 12:00 noon—Andy Tyler
- Friday 9:30 a.m.—Becky King

The Monday group is open to anyone and meets for lunch at Sunrise Grill. The Friday morning group is a ladies group.

Sunday School Classes are available for all age groups. We will be happy to help you find the class that is right for you.



LAST SUNDAY
TO PLACE ORDERS FOR
EASTER LILIES

Please complete the
form in the bulletin &
place in the offering
plate.

If you haven't completed a Ministry Opportunity Survey, forms are available outside of both sanctuary doors.

Liturgical Colors

The paraments during Lent are purple. Purple suggest repentance and solemnity.

This Week at Saint Mark

- Sunday, March 26**
9:00 a.m. Donut Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, March 27**
12 Noon: Lunch Agape at Sunrise Café
6 p.m. Finance Committee
- Tuesday, March 28**
1 -3 p.m. Breadbasket
- Wednesday, March 29**
7:00 a.m. Prayer Group
5:30 p.m. W.O.W.
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Friday, March 31**
9:30 a.m. Ladies Agape

Please be praying for:

If you have a prayer need, please let us know and we will pass the information on to our Prayer Chain.

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| Fred Bennett | West Bennett | Pauline Conner |
| DeAnn Davis | Bennie Jewett | Sam Samuels |
| Jerry Rives | Tom Rose | Sue Whitacre |
| Owen Saporito | Melissa Cole | Paul Alejandro |
| Amy Thomas | Tom Anderson | Gloria Anderson |
| Charles Beasley | Gary Gadison | James Harsh |
| Zay Hewitt | Tony Montalbano | Morgan Schott |
| Gary Miller | Kay Fenn | Gary Atkins |
| Micki & Chester Story | | Roger & Janet Smith |

WORSHIP SERVANTS

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| Worship Leader | Rita Bonin |
| Ushers | Offering Stewards |
| Perry Gott | Bill Cole |
| Josh Turner | Mike Moore |

Ministers: The People of St. Mark UMC
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Andy Tyler
 Children's Ministry Coordinator: Becky King
 Choir Director: Santhia Collins
 Accompanist: Diane Stewart

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*"Making disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching upward
to God and outward to God's people."*

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Fifth Sunday in Lent