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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).

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am–noon

Friday & Saturday: Closed

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 13, 2024 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

V. Etwas rasch; and VI. Sehr langsam *from 6 Little Piano Pieces*
 by Arnold Schoenberg | J.I. Aragón, *piano*

WELCOME

The Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 466 (sung twice)

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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

Jan Prinz

One: In deep gratitude, we come to worship God, the Giver of Life.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: Love, mercy, peace, joy, kindness, generosity are all parts of God,
 shared with us.

One: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

^ GATHERING HYMN no. 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

^ GATHERING PRAYER

from strengthinprayer.com

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Generous God, giver of all good and perfect gifts, I confess that there are times when I follow other gods than you. I covet possessions, seek the accumulation of wealth, and succumb to the ever-present temptation of wanting more. Generosity does not always come easily. My own wants and wishes dominate my thinking and my energies. I want to follow you, to love you and serve you, but I admit that I go astray. Forgive me, gracious, and lead me once again in the way that is everlasting. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The good news is that the God of grace seeks our transformation and offers us a fresh start. We rejoice in God's gift of forgiving love.

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

Halle halle hallelujah! (repeat 3 times)
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21 | *New Revised Standard Version*

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30 | *New Revised Standard Version*

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Wayfaring Stranger - Courtney | St. Mark's Choir
Mary Beth Tyndall, cello

SERMON

"The New Thing"

HYMN no. 822

When We are Living

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 the sheet of paper included with your worship guide and place it in the offering baskets.*

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VANCO



OFFERTORY

I. Arioso (from Cantata BWV 156) by Johann Sebastian Bach
Mary Beth Tyndall, cello

^ OFFERING HYMN no. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness (refrain only)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

^ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Reiter, First Presbyterian Church Winterhaven

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

^ SENDING HYMN no. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

^ 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

IV. Rasch, aber leicht from *6 Little Piano Pieces* - Arnold Schoenberg

OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Jan Prinz; Usher: Carol Dieckmann; Greeter: JP Berdine; Livestream: John Jewett, Irvin Richards, Dexter Mitchell.

BALLOT PARTY: Today is the day! Our October 13 Ballot Party! Join us directly after worship to Geneva Hall. We will have voting information and snacks! Most of us have about 30 people and issues on our ballots, and our Ballot Party will help us get ready to vote all the way down the ballot. Contact [Ann Moynihan annmoynihan@comcast.net](mailto:annmoynihan@comcast.net) (520) 668-3482 if you have questions.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER: Come one, come all to Second Sunday Supper on Second Street today at 5:00 PM in the Second Street parking lot. On the menu are sloppy joes (vegan options available). If you would like, bring a side dish/dessert to share. Enjoy some good food and fellowship with our neighbors and friends.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION: Do the stresses of the election season drag you down? Do you need some peace and meditation? Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM in the Chapel for a class that will be offered all of October entitled, "Prayer & Reflection for Such a Time as This." Lead by Rev. Tracy Daub this prayer and reflection time will give us an opportunity to gather to pray for ourselves, our nation, our world, and the upcoming election. Directly after prayer time in the chapel, come to Room F for Restorative Yoga from 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Our prayers go out to those suffering through the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. If you would like to help in some way, here is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene/>

THANK YOU! Margo Cowan and the Keep Tucson Together (KTT) team would like to express their deep gratitude and thanks for your support of KTT and the showing last week of "Shura". They were pleased with the turnout and most appreciative of St.Mark's.

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER (MRC): Today will be the last day of collecting new children's socks, underwear, and diapers for MRC. All donations will be delivered to the MRC on October 19. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. There is a collection box in the narthex until today where you can place your donations. This is one small way we can continue to be good neighbors and do our part during these challenging times. Contact [Caroline Rondeau carolinerondeau0408@gmail.com](mailto:carolinerondeau0408@gmail.com) with questions.

VOICES OF FAITH, VOTES FOR JUSTICE: This is an invitation from Arizona Faith Network (AFN) for Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM. As part of AFN's "Voices of Faith, Votes for Justice" series, Alex Gulotta from All Voting is Local will go over the 13 propositions on the Arizona ballot for the 2024 general election. This nonpartisan conversation is vital for educating our people about what's at stake with these propositions. [Please RSVP using this link.](#)

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday, October 14 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:00 AM.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Lillian Deyerberg (health concerns), Paul Osborne (knee replacement), Rob Selby (health issues) and the Selby Family, Mari Helen High (health concerns), Monica Lopez (health concerns), Linda Ryan (health concerns).

Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap-pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

When We Are Living

822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.