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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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 30, 2025 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE II. Waltz for Miles *from Twelve Portraits in Jazz* - Valerie Capers | J.I. Aragón, piano

WELCOME The Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 701 (sung twice) *Lord, Prepare Me*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

^CALL TO WORSHIP adapted, Nancy Townley, ministrymatters.com | Audrey Harding

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;
 now we have been found and welcomed home.**

One: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

One: Let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 612 *We Praise You, God*

^GATHERING PRAYER written by Jan Sutch Pickard, in *Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*, <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Loving God, you sent Jesus to save the lost. We come seeking your grace for our own conditions of lostness. When we listen to the voices of the world rather than turning to you for guidance—grant us your grace and free us. When we judge others without looking at ourselves—grant us your grace and free us. When we fail to love others as you love us—grant us your grace and free us. When we set our feet upon pathways of our own making, pursuing our own selfish desires—grant us your grace and free us. Forgive us, O God, and show us the way home. In Christ we pray. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON adapted, Rev. Sarah A. Speed/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org

One: God loves us extravagantly. God surrounds us with grace. There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

All: This is the good news of the gospel! 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. 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!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Worship@North <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | *New Revised Standard Version*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10 | *New Revised Standard Version*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision - Arr. Karen Thompson | St. Mark's Handbells

SERMON

"Between Lost and Found"

HYMN no. 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER: Catherine Marie Love

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Liturgist: People of God, will you promise to uphold and support Catherine in her life in Christ?

All: **We will, with God's help**

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

II. Sunset from *In Summer Fields* - Florence Price

^OFFERING HYMN no. 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

^PRAYER OF DEDICATION

written by Jennifer Watts. Posted in *United for Peace*, on http://www.united-church.ca/files/planning/seasons/peace_u4p.pdf

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE 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 bread and wine, 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

Communion at St. Mark's is open to all individuals of all ages. Worshippers may come down the center aisle and receive the bread or gluten-free option and the non-alcoholic grape juice in either the pre-filled cups or by dipping the bread in the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN no. 695

Change My Heart, O God

(refrain) **Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. (repeat refrain)**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

^SENDING HYMN no. 37

Let All Things Now Living

^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

Sailing through Clouds - Florence Price

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Donna Tullar (health issues), Marilyn Simmons (health issues), Bill Dingeldein (health issues), Sylvia Thorson-Smith (health issues), Ann MacGregor (health issues), Lillian Deyerberg (health concerns), Rob Selby (health issues) and the Selby Family, Mari Helen High (health concerns), Monica Lopez (health concerns),

OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Audrey Harding; Usher: Richard Gray; Greeter: Paul Tuohy; Communion Servers: Charles Ambrose, Lynne Davies, Kerstin and Tom Miller, and Robin Staples; Communion Set Up and Clean Up: Berry Roberts and Robin Staples; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, Dexter Mitchell, and Irvin Richards.

ARE YOU ENJOYING THE HYMNS THIS MONTH? We give thanks for the gifts of women during Women's History Month. The hymns we sing in worship throughout March will be either written or arranged by women.

ST. MARK'S LENTEN THEME: "Everything [in] between: meeting God in the midst of extremes," focuses on the many polarities that often shape our lives and thinking. In place of these binaries, we will explore the greater nuance and complexities of these concepts and how God is often discovered in "the messy middle." The theme and many of the prayers used in worship are supplied by the liturgical arts collective, A Sanctified Art. Lenten devotional booklets for personal use can be found on the back table in the narthex.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Community and Global Engagement will be meeting Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30 PM in the office conference room.

PAUL THE PHARISEE: 5-week Online Class on Paul: All are invited to join Dr. John Dominic ("Dom") Crossan for a 5-week course on Paul that is FREE and ONLINE thanks to Session Faith Formation Committee. Classes will be livestreamed at 11:00AM Arizona Time every Thursday, beginning March 13. They will be available for viewing anytime after their initial showing. If you are interested in reading the book the course is based on, "*Paul the Pharisee: A Vision Beyond the Violence of Civilization*" by John Dominic Crossan, there will be two copies available from the library cart, or you can purchase online. Please see Sylvia Thorson-Smith at the Opportunities Table after worship for questions and interest in participation, or call 520-820-1544 or email sylviats@cox.net to be added to our list.

BIG COFFEE AND THE REFUGE PROVIDED BY ISKASHITAA: Come be amazed at the transformation on the west side of our campus and learn more about the refugee community that has made it happen! After worship today, we will have Big Coffee in the garden. Meet Iskashitaa participants and board members and hear their stories. See the citrus harvest and the raised beds overflowing with veggies which will be given to refugee individuals and families. Iskashitaa and St. Mark's are also partnering to provide pantry staples (flour, sugar, salt, rice, cooking oil, dish soap, toilet paper, diapers, female hygiene protection) for those who were previously receiving these items from refugee agencies which have now lost their federal funding. Thank you for donating these much needed items as well!

MONTLURE REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP IN GREER: Registrations for summer camp are rolling in for Montlure Camp and we do still have some space available! At Montlure, we strive to offer a safe, welcoming, and fun environment for all to explore their faith and make authentic connections with their peers and leaders. We have amazing summer staff who are counting down the days to see our campers again and we would love to meet some new ones! Find details on all Montlure camps at www.montlure.org or contact Montlure for questions at camp@montlure.org or (520) 369-2199. Overnight Camps: 10-12th Grade: June 8-13; 8-9th Grade: June 16-21; 6-8th Grade: June 23-28; 4-6th Grade: July 7-11.

KALEIDOSCOPE HUMANITARIAN AID: We are happy to announce that we will begin to accept donations again for immigrants and those in need. Kaleidoscope Humanitarian Aid is the non-profit organization that will manage all the donations we collect. They also support local organizations that serve unhoused people, veterans, immigrants who have settled in Tucson and are going through the asylum process. To find more information about Kaleidoscope Humanitarian Aid, please visit their website: <https://www.khaid.org/>. Contact the church office for current urgent needs.

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Jesus said, "Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"
Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
"This man doesn't understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"
But maybe God was not talking about us.
Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.
Maybe God was talking about
her own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

REFUGEE APPEAL: Iskashitaa Refugee Network has alerted St. Mark's about an urgent need for a refugee family in Tucson. St. Mark's Session supports this appeal. The information about the family is below. Please consider contributing as you are able.

The Family: The 8 member Congolese Lubunga family arrived December 23, 2024 in time to celebrate Christmas in two partially furnished apartments off 29th Street but only weeks before we would know the devastating changes the new administration would have on Refugee Resettlement nationally and globally. The Lubunga family were warehoused and survived 25 years living in a Rwandan refugee camp after fleeing the DRC/Burundi, a region still extremely unstable today. Mr. Lubunga fortunately trained as a Biology and chemistry teacher and educated his children ages 19-30 years in the camp. Although the family all speaks some level of very timid shy English, the cultural shock and adjustment is unimaginable for the young adults that know nothing but life in a refugee camp. Their resettlement agency, whose ORR funding has been frozen and ranks have been hit hard and has had to pivot and serve the families for less than the healthy 6 months that refugees have been supported in the past. Iskashitaa has set up a separate account to assist the family needs. Their lease is until the end of June when they could move to a 2-3 bedroom rental house for a new beginning at less than \$2600 monthly housing expenses. All members of the family are eligible to work now although Noelle, the youngest, is enrolled in high school. They are still going through cultural orientation and adapting. They use the bus, and Iskashitaa has provided them with four good bicycles. But they continue to work on job readiness and are getting assistance from the agency with those endeavors. The apartments are now furnished and they have sufficient food through Iskashitaa Refugee Network and the EBT program. They have eagerly been volunteering and harvesting several times a week.

What are we asking for:

- rent assistance from now until the end of June
- any leads for entry level or higher employment
- a house to rent starting after June 30th that shall be cared for by many helping hands.

The family has never lived under more than one roof (maybe not in more than one room for that matter) so the size of the house should not be a deterrent if it is only 2-3 bedrooms.

How to Donate: You can donate online or by check - A. Online go to www.iskashitaa.org, click the "Donate" button; click on "General Fund"; click on "Family Fund" and make your donation. B. By check made out to Iskashitaa Refugee Network with "Lubunga Family" in the memo line and mail to Iskashitaa Refugee Network, 3736 E. 2nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

We Praise You, O God 612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

37 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!