

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025 10:00 AM YEAR C

### Welcome

*Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.*

**Prelude “Come Down O Love Divine”**

**Ralph Vaughn-Williams  
arr. Charles Callahan**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Litany for Pentecost

- Presider* Holy Spirit, Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being the breath of life.
- People* ***Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.***
- Presider* Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame all people with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.
- People* ***Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.***
- Presider* Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.
- People* ***Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.***
- Presider* Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord and show us the depth of his love.
- People* ***Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.***

*Presider* Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

*People* ***Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witness of your redeeming love.***

*Presider* Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

*People* ***Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.***

*Presider* Holy Spirit, Giver of Life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

*People* ***Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.***

**Opening Hymn 516 “Come down, O Love divine”** *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

### **The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Gloria S278** *Mathias* *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

***Glory to God in the highest,***

***and peace to God's people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,***

***we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,***

***Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;***

***have mercy on us;***

***you are seated at the right hand of the Father;***

***receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,***

***you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,***

*with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

***Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**The Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalms 104:25-35, 37**

***Benedic, anima mea***

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

27 Yonder is the great and wide sea

with its living things too many to number, \*  
 creatures both small and great.  
 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
 which you have made for the sport of it.  
 28 All of them look to you \*  
 to give them their food in due season.  
 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
 you take away their breath,  
 and they die and return to their dust.  
 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
 and so you renew the face of the earth.  
 32 May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; \*  
 may you rejoice in all your works;  
 33 You look at the earth and it trembles; \*  
 you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
 I will praise my God while I have my being.  
 35 May these words of mine please you; \*  
 I will rejoice in the Lord.  
 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
 Hallelujah!

### **The Lesson: Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and

Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Sequence Hymn VF 51 "Loving Spirit"**

*see page 14*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

### **The Gospel: John 14: 8-17, 25-27**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I

will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*          ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

## **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Presider*      Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. On this Day of Pentecost we renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

*Presider*      Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People*          ***I do.***

*Presider*      Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*          ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Presider*      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*          ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Presider*      Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*          ***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.***

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts, praying:

*People:* ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit which God instills in us to serve God's people all our days:

We give thanks for our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love;

We give thanks for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying,

*People:* ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

*Leader:* Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, your church, our clergy and bishops, and all ministers of the gospel, the lay people, the true ministers of the Church; we pray for all who lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church, In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia; In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Servicios Sociales Episcopales youth ministry;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for the holy churches in every place, that we may come to know the unity of faith, praying, Risen Lord, praying,

*People: **Come, Holy Spirit.***

*Leader:* Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all your people in this troubled world, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East and our nation that all may be unrelenting in work for justice and peace, praying,

*People: **Come, Holy Spirit.***

*Leader:* Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all who are sick, all who suffer, and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life. We pray for the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison, all immigrants and refugees, and all who live in fear of separation of their homes and families. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud [pause ], that the hope born of Easter may give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, praying,

*People: **Come, Holy Spirit.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for those who have died, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints, praying,

*People: **Come, Holy Spirit.***

*The Presider offers this concluding collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us



the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

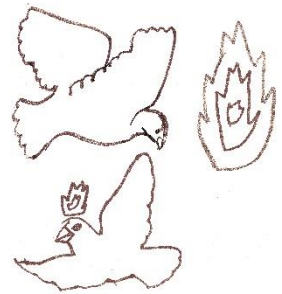
**The Peace** *We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.*

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.*

*Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*



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## Children's Time

*Presider:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 510 "Come, Holy spirit, heavenly Dove" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

### The Holy Eucharist II

S 120

Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heav'n and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them in all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, Holy S128**                      *Mathias*                      *Blue 1982 Hymnal*  
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

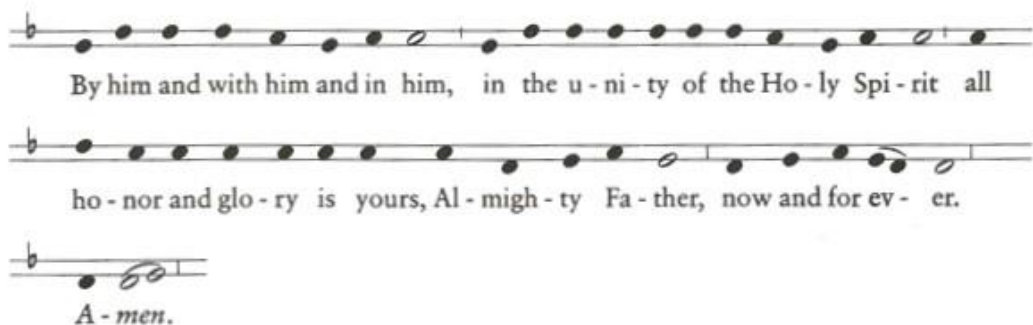
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons and all your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.



## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem S155**

*Near*

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;***

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

## **The Ministration of Communion**

*Presider*     The gifts of God for the people of God. So come to this table you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

*All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.*

**Communion Hymn WLP 751 “Every time I feel the Spirit”**     *see page 15*

## **Prayer after Communion**

***Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## **The Blessing**

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

## **Closing Hymn 511 “Holy Spirit, ever living”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

## **Dismissal**

*Presider* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

## **Postlude “Abbots’ Leigh”**

**Cyril V. Taylor**

**arr. Rebecca te Velde**

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## **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP**

*Lector:* Roger Robards

*Usher:* Greg Diekemper

*Greeter:* Diane Nienkemper

*Altar Guild:* Ellen Jeffery

*Chalice:* Roger Robards/Scott Thompson

*Livestream:* Vicki Stegmann

*Crucifer:* Scott Thompson

*Godly Play:* Jeffery

**Today we welcome Kim Jungermann as our organist.**

## **Today is Grubby Sunday!**

Today, we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit and then we will gather after worship to clean up our kitchen and spruce up the parish hall. All are welcome to pitch in and care for the St. Mark's spaces!

## Sequence Hymn VF 51 “Loving Spirit”



- 1 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;  
2 Like a mo - ther you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.  
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.  
4 Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:  
5 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
Hoist me up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895).

*At the beginning of May 2025, your vestry met to discern who we are and where God might be calling St. Mark's. Through this work, the vestry developed the following:*

### **Divine Purpose Statement for St. Mark's:**

**WE BELIEVE** God's boundless love has drawn us together to be a community of reconciliation, nurture, and acceptance.

**WE WORSHIP** the Triune God with Scripture, read and interpreted, and emphasis on choral and congregational singing, robust instrumentation, and weekly Eucharist where all are welcome.

**WE SERVE** our neighbors, especially the marginalized, and take care of each other.

# Communion Hymn WLP 751 "Every time I feel the Spirit" *Negro Spiritual*

*Harmony*

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the  
spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. **Fine**

*unison*

1. Up on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his  
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

(?)

mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual

**We Pray** for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Teresa, and Jerre our Clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

**In the Diocesan Cycle**, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia;

**In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico**, we pray for Servicios Sociales Episcopales youth ministry;

**We pray** for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner, Doorways Interfaith Housing;

**We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind**, especially Cedric Allen, the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Yulia Borjte, Joan Cap, John Carroll, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, Michelle Dever, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Don Frank, Carol Garbs, Tom Gard, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Joan Grout, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Rob Heritage, Damaris Hernández, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Cindy Hooks, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Jane Kozielec, Richard Liermann, Catherine Logsdon, Kathy Lynch, Rita Mauchenheimer, John Meyer, Donna Musgrave, Betty Orlando, Barbara Raedeke, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Rick Schubert, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, Marilyn Wiethop, Justin and Lindsay Williams, Hulene Woody, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Marian, Jim, Baby Ameila, Gary.

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**We pray for** those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Daniele	Priest Associate

Barbara Raedeke	Organist and Choir Director
Celeste Kocot	Youth Christian Formation
Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Pride Month at St. Mark's**

Here at St. Mark's we celebrate, welcome, and affirm as people as the good and beloved creations they are, and this month we are especially focused on celebrating, welcoming, and affirming our Queer siblings as good and beloved. The Episcopal Church, and St. Mark's in particular, has an important history of working toward radical inclusion and authentic welcome. Because of this, we will be celebrating Pride Month this year at St. Mark's. Each week you will find a story of a Queer Episcopalian whose life has worked toward furthering the cause of inclusion in our church tucked into your bulletin. As you read these stories and hear the Gospel this month, consider how the Reign of God comes to life through the efforts humans make to widen the circle until there is room for everyone.



### **Isaiah 58 Back to School Collection**

This year we are asking for highlighters. We did such a good job over-collecting yellow markers 2 years ago, that these are specifically to be **NOT YELLOW!** So far we have collected **ZERO Highlighters!** The deadline to drop off highlighters is August 24th. There will be a bin in the Parish Office marked **Isaiah 58 Back-to-School** that you can drop off your items. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Jerre.

### **Getting to Know You: Helping our New Rector Learn about the Heritage, People & History of St. Mark's**

Please join the Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse and the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley for a luncheon and guided conversation on

**Sunday, June 22, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

In a workshop format, over table fellowship and guided conversations, the Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse, ninth Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and St. Markans will learn more about one another, leading to deeper relationships and partnership in Christian Ministry. (This will also help Teresa+ complete her certificate through the Interim Ministry Network.)

Questions? Want to help lead guided conversations or help with the luncheon? Please call, text or email Teresa Danieley at 314-503-7415 or [tkmithen@gmail.com](mailto:tkmithen@gmail.com).

### **Thirsty Thursdays**

The next Thirsty Thursday is this Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm. Join St. Mark's in the Rockwell Beer Garden in Francis Park for fellowship and conversation. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

### **Bible Study**

The next Bible Study will be next Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and on every first and third Sundays of each month. Together with Rev. Delaney we will journey through the Gospel of Mark together. Come with your favorite translation and a willingness to discuss the mysteries of our faith revealed in scripture! We will grab a drink and a snack and meet in the parish hall after church. All are welcome!

### **Evening Prayer in the Plaza**

The next prayer in the Plaza is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring chairs, snacks and a drink for an evening of songs and prayers starting at 6:30pm. Fellowship to follow. All are welcome!

### **KIDS, JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR**

Hearing Stories, Telling Stories, Songs, Costumes, Challenges, Painting, Clay, Indoor and Outdoor Fun, Digging in the Dirt, Surprises,... and More Fun, Fun, Fun! EVERY SUNDAY June 1<sup>st</sup> - September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am to the Peace During the Church Service. Children over 10 years old can volunteer as helpers.

### **Online Giving at St. Mark's**

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code below using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform.



Your generosity is a blessing!