

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 10

JULY 13, 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 “Prelude on St. Columba”**

**Charles Villier Stanford**

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn 390 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People*        ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

### 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 S280**

*Powell*

*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.

*O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **The Lesson: Amos 7:7-17**

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the Lord: `Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

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

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

### **Psalm 82**     *Deus stetit*

- 1 God stands in the council of heaven \*  
and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favour to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

### **The Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved

fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

**Sequence Hymn 601 “O day of God, draw nigh”** *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

### **The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do

you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Jerre Birdsong

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

#### **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader*        To our God who gave us the great commandment of love, let us offer prayers for all those in every need, praying, Lord, hear us, ***“Lord, graciously hear us.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may respond to God’s call to serve as neighbors to all people of every land and tongue and culture, and of every faith and creed;

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Jerre,  
and Teresa our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;  
In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Vincent's  
in the Vineyard Episcopal Church in Ste. Genevieve; we pray for our  
companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;  
In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of North India  
(United);

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Centro de Cuidado  
Diurno Pediatrico Santa Maria Virgen;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Kim Jungermann, Ryan Jeffery and  
Vicki Stegmann. We pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, especially for the people of  
Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, and for mercy, justice, and peace throughout  
the world; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We pray for all victims of violence and their families and loved ones, and for those  
who live in fear of violence, particularly those in our own city; we pray, Lord hear  
us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For those suffering from weakness of body or spirit, and that we may act as  
neighbors in alleviating the pains of oppression by reaching out to the poor, the  
homeless, the neglected, the marginalized and the despised, immigrants and  
refugees, and those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families;  
we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need and ask for strength  
in our trials;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name,  
either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with the relentless demands of addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For our families, friends, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For those who have died, that light perpetual may shine upon them; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*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.***

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Silence is kept.*

***Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.***

## **Absolution**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***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*

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

## **Offertory Hymn 603 “When Christ was lifted from the earth”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Presider:* 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 heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S125**                      *Proulx*                      *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.

*Presider*

By him with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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**

*Mullgardt*





## The Ministration of Communion

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*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 304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord”** *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

## 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

*The Presider blesses the congregation.*

God's Blessing be with you,

Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. ***Amen.***

**Closing Hymn 345 “Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude-Hymn #605 Sharpthorne

**“Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your god”**

**Erik Routley**

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## ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

*Lector:* Erica White

*Usher:* Kittie Golomski

*Greeter:* Ellen Jeffery

*Altar Guild:* Tom Bradley

*Chalice:* Marilyn Wiethop/Scott Thompson

*Livestream:* Vicki Stegmann

*Crucifer:* Scott Thompson

*Godly Play:* Jeffery

**Today we welcome The Rev. Mandi Rice as our Presider  
and Kim Jungermann as our organist.**

*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bible Study

The next Bible Study is, Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Are you interested in exploring scripture and growing your skills as a Bible interpreter? Join us for Bible study every first and third Sunday from 11:30-12:15 in the parish hall. No prior attendance or experience required. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk through the text!

### Isaiah 58 Back to School Collection



This year we are asking for multi-color 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.

### Feeding Our Neighbors

Dear St. Mark's Community, On Wednesday, July 23, St. Mark's will be providing 50 hot lunches to neighbors of the destroyed Centennial Christian Church in the hard-hit Fountain Park neighborhood. We need volunteers to prepare casseroles, package them in to-go containers, and distribute them at the church site. The casserole recipe will be provided, and the preparers may make them at church on the morning of the 23rd or at home and bring them hot for packaging. The more preparers we have, the less cooking each one will need to do. We also need 3 people to deliver and distribute the meals with Deacon Jerre along with water and fruit. Preparers and deliverers will gather at St. Mark's at 10:15 to package the meals (plan to arrive earlier if you intend to prepare your casserole at church). If you would like to participate, please contact Deacon Jerre (jerre.birdsong@gmail.com) to express your interest.

### Thirsty Thursdays

The next Thirsty Thursday is July 17th, 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!

### Prayer in the Plaza

The next *Prayer in the Plaza* is Wednesday, July 30. Bring chairs, snacks and a drink for an evening of songs and prayers starting at 6:30pm. Fellowship to follow. All are welcome.

### **Did you know that St. Mark's now has a YouTube page????**

On the Tuesday after Sunday's Facebook Live, our Parish Administrator has been uploading our service to the YouTube page [@StMarksStl](#). The page also includes St. Mark's Welcome Video produced last year during our rector search. Check it out and subscribe! The more subscribers we get, the more opportunities we will have to have live content. So Subscribe and share!

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

*"I invite you to join me in supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal, to share your thread in this sacred tapestry of justice, compassion, and resurrection. Together, we are repairing the fabric of our world, not with might, but with small acts of steadfast love. Thank you for your gracious generosity, your steadfast faith, and above all, your eager willingness to be part of God's unfolding story.*

*You are a vital thread in this vision of hope, and I am honored to walk alongside you."*

*The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, 11th Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri*

The Appeal dates run from July through September and will go to these three ministries: Chester Hines Racial Reconciliation Fund, Hunger Ministries, and Clergy Leadership Development. You can give online at [diocese.org/give](#) and select Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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

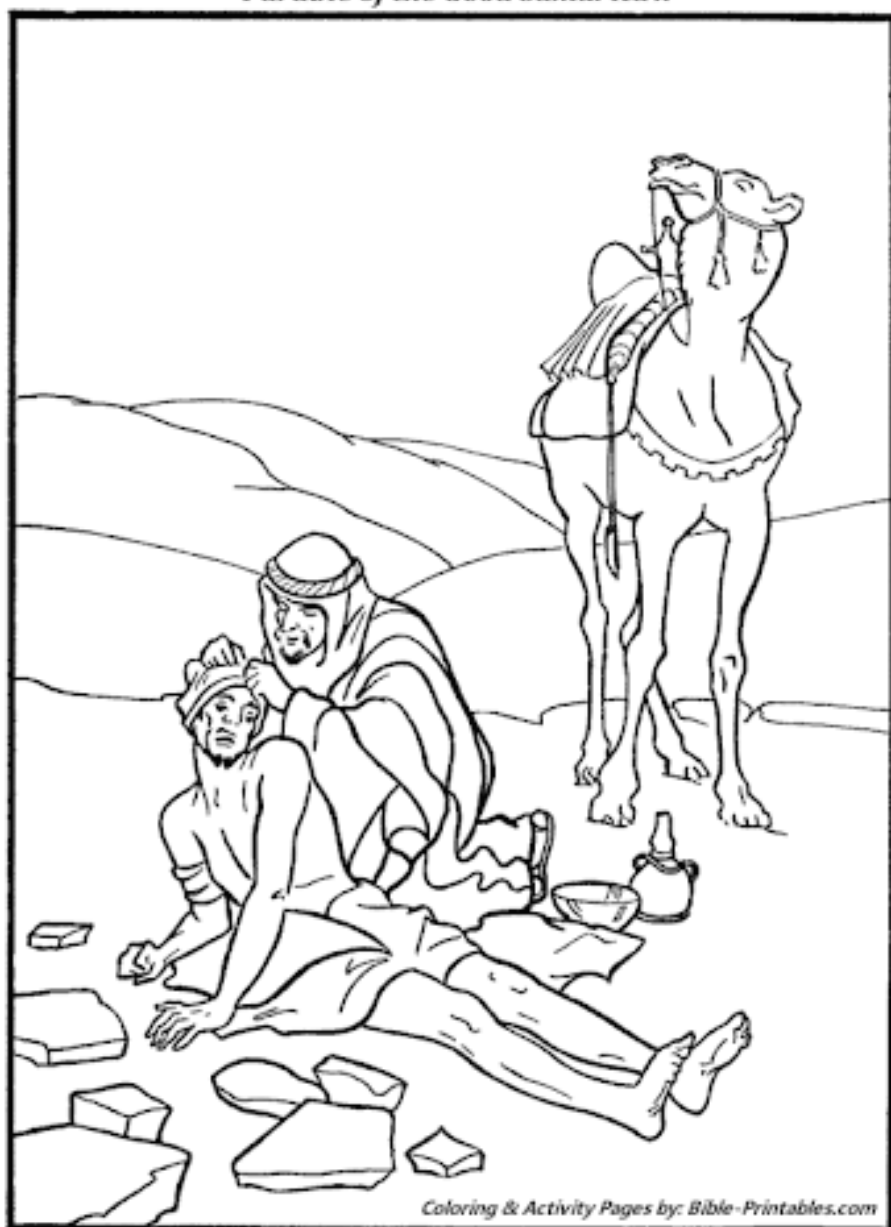
Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's!

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!

*Parable of the Good Samaritan*



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*The Samaritan Helped the Traveler*

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**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 the Anderson family, Yulia Borjte, Steve Chamberlin, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue and Ty Garrett, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Doug Jeffery, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Richard Liermann, Stephanie Maas, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Betty Orlando, Barbara Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Scott Schmidt, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Rick Schubert, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Marian, Ted, Karen and Larry.

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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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