

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER

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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.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Prelude: “Andante semplice”

Ernest Tomlinson (1924-2015)

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 47 “On this day, the first of days” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of all Creation

People ***Whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.***

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.***

“Let all creation bless the Lord”

Mit Freuden zart



1 Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is
2 All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and
3 O men and wom - en ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of



ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an -
moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth! Be joy - ful, springs
glo - ry. Let all who know God's stead-fast care tell out sal - va -



gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make
and foun - tains, lithe wa - ter - life, bright air - borne birds, wild
tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent—sing your part, you



mu - sic, day, night, cold, and heat!
rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds! Ex - alt the God who made you.
hum - ble souls and meek of heart!

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange, Berlin, 1566; am. Heinrich Reimann, 1895. Words
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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Together, let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

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

Psalm 26:1-8

Judica me, Domine

- 1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in you and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn WLP 779 “The church of Christ in every age” *see page 12*

Presider/Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they

gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

The Homily Chad Templin, Intern Candidate for Holy Orders

Profession of Faith: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Let us offer our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone in the world as we follow Christ Jesus, our mediator, praying, O God of mercy and justice, ***“Your love endures forever.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be ardent in spirit, and that our love may be genuine, holding fast to what is good:

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy, for Chad our Intern Candidate for Holy Orders, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End St. Louis;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Church in the Province of the West Indies;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Colegio Episcopal San Andres;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with William Kaupp, Todd Heritage, and Tom Schroeder. We pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice and peace in the world, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For our city and those who live in it, for farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and that the world's wealth may be used in the furtherance of your kingdom; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For all school children, college students, and their teachers, that they may be safe and educationally nourished; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

We pray for the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; for immigrants and refugees; and for the victims of violence and abuse;

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

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,
Your love endures forever.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,
Your love endures forever.

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 & Absolution

Presider/Deacon Dear friends in Christ, we have fallen short of the call to us to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People ***We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

Presider For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

People ***That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

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

People ***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*

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 675 "Take up your cross, the Savior said" *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.

Presider 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 voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

Holy, Holy, Holy S130 Schubert 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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

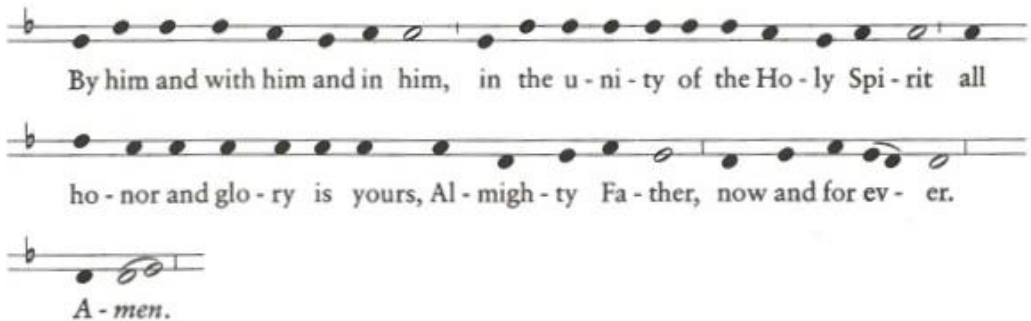
We await his coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



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 S164 *Schubert*

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

*Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.*

The Ministration of Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
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 341 “For the bread which you have broken”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Presider Together, let us pray.
God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Presider Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn VF 107 “Let all things now living”

see page 13

Dismissal

Presider/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 “All Glory be to God on High”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Based on Hymn # 421)

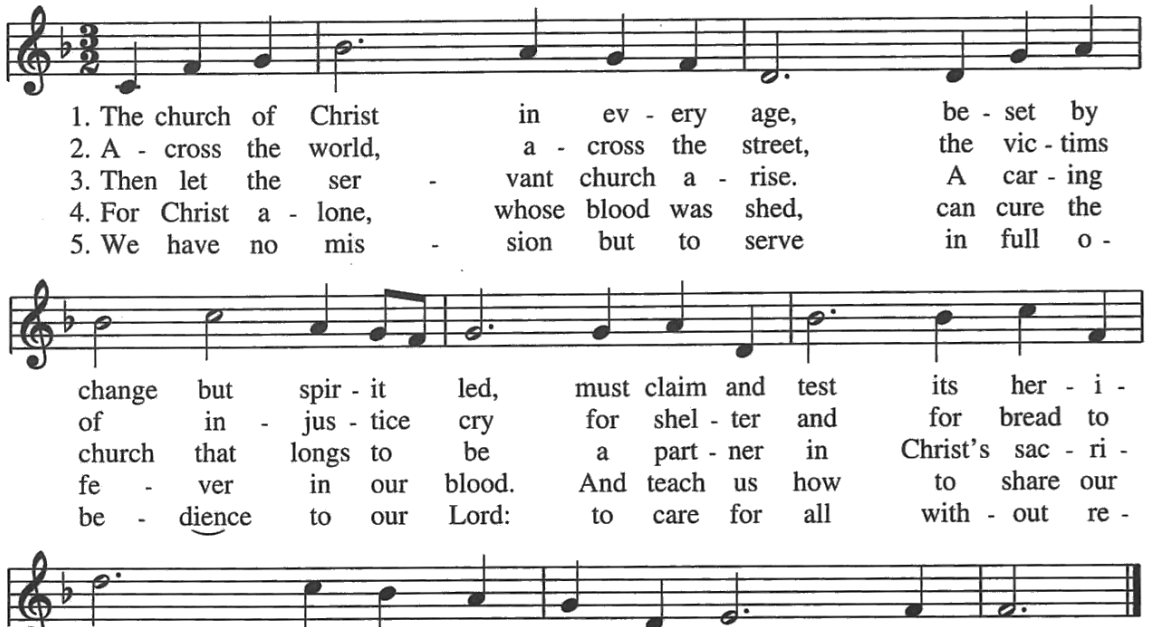
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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Margaret Hvatum *Usher:* Matthew Cashen *Greeter:* Diane Nienkemper
Altar Guild: Jon Danieleley *Livestream:* Scott Thompson *Crucifer:* Sam Barrett
Chalice: Marilyn Wiethop/Sam Barrett *Coffee Hour:* Margaret Hvatum

Sequence Hymn WLP 779 "The church of Christ in every age"



1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

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Closing Hymn “Let all things now living”

from Voices Found



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
 o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
 love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
 raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower

Please join us Sunday, September 20th to celebrate the upcoming birth of Baby Schlake-Kruse. Sandwiches and cake will be provided. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to bring sides. No gifts are needed. If you would like to bring diapers to be donated to the St Louis Area Diaper Bank all donations are appreciated.

Opening Day

This year, Opening Day will be on Sunday September 13th. Hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish hall if you would like to bring chips, a side or dessert.

An Update on Godly Play at St. Mark's

As St. Mark's prepares for a new program year and the return of Godly Play this fall, we seek a Godly Play teacher assistant to work alongside our longterm Godly Play leader, Celeste Kocot! Celeste will continue leading our children in storytelling and faith development each Sunday, with the help and support of a qualified part-time staff person. The staff person we seek will be trained in Godly Play and ready to help support our children's faith formation. We have an opportunity to support this vital program and the children of our parish through expanded staffing. St. Mark's is blessed by Celeste's ministry, and as she prepares to return from a summer break, we have the opportunity to continue supporting ministry with children by welcoming a teaching assistant to our staff. Please consider whether you might know a qualified applicant, and share the [position information](#)!

Choir Call

The choir will begin its weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 3, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room, and sing for the first time this season on Opening Day, September 13. We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. The ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. We need all voice parts. If you're a long-time choir member, past choir member, or new to the choir, please consider participating in this very important ministry. We're a friendly, welcoming group-- we work hard, have lots of fun, and, most importantly, enjoy making music together. If you're interested in singing with us, please speak to Barbara Raedeke, or email her at braedeke@aol.com. We'd love to have you join us! All are welcome!

Hymn Sing

On **Sunday, September 20** at 9:45 there will be a **Hymn Sing** before the service. We invite you to submit three of your favorite hymns using the forms available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. As in years past, we won't be able to use all the submissions, but we'll use as many as we have time for and incorporate some of the others into subsequent services, as appropriate. I look forward to hearing what your favorite hymns are and to the robust singing on September 20!

Bible Study Resumes

Sunday, September 27th at 11:30am Bible Study will resume. Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet will be the subject and will occur every Sunday September 27th – October 18th after Worship. No prior attendance or experience required. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk through the text! All are welcome!

ECW Retreat



The Episcopal Church Women's retreat will be Friday and Saturday September 18th & 19th at the Pallottine Renewal Center featuring our very own rector, The Rev. Dr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse. See Susan Goen for more information on either of these exciting events. Or contact Melissa in the Parish Office to find out how to sign up.

Music at St. Mark's

In September, St. Mark's will welcome two St. Louis area music ensembles as we host their concerts in the nave. On Sunday, September 13 at 3 pm- **Music from the Romantic Parlor: 19th-Century Songs and Sonatas for Voice, Pianoforte & Guitar:** Charles Metz playing his original 1806 Clementi square piano; with Patrick Rafferty, Romantic guitar & Samantha Arten, soprano. \$20 admission at the door, student discounts. For more information, visit earlymusicmissouri.net. Then on Tuesday, September 15, 7pm- **Voices for Living Justice: At the Crossroads of Truth in America.** A reflection on the gift of democracy - working to insure the rights of all people and to care for all. The one-hour concert will speak with hope through two narrators, eight singers and three instrumentalists. Free admission, donations accepted.

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 using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform.

Your generosity is a blessing!



We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Randy Borowiak, Canon Desiree Brattin, Maggie Brogan, Rusty Cates, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Volker Coleman, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Braden Hagberg & Family, Lynn Heritage, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Celeste Kocot, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Joe Rodriguez and his mother Ellie, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Joanne Schneider, Lois Schubert and her family, Tom Schroeder, John Sheridan, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Michael Sophir, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Tom Tetrault, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Gene Wilberg, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Gary, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis, Kate, Maggie, Ari and family.

We give thanks on their birthday with William Kaupp, Todd Heritage, and Tom Schroeder.

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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