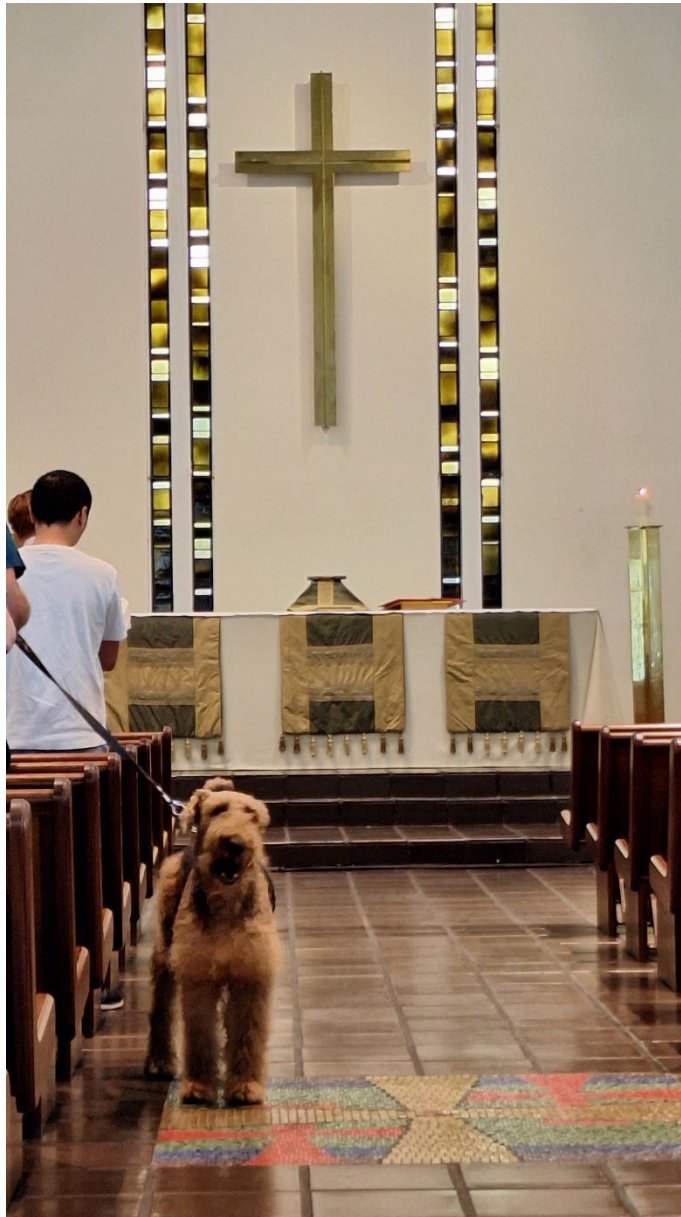


Welcome Home

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church: A Community of Grace**

We spread God's word, love like Jesus, enjoy worshipping together, and help our neighbors.



**St. Francis Sunday,  
October 5, 2025**



10/12 Lisa Drew  
10/19 Canon Serena Beeks  
10/26 Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce  
11/2 All Saints & Blessing of Pledges

### Welcome Home

We are glad you are here to join us for worship and to share in the inclusive, reckless, extravagant love of God. Please fill out a Connect Card; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our website at [stmarks-upland.org](http://stmarks-upland.org).

### Children & Youth Have a Place Here

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at 10AM. Youth Group ministry meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in Room 18.

### Good News

Duck-Cover-Hold practice, Oct 12  
Trunk or Treat, Oct 25, 4-7PM  
Names and images of Loved Ones for All Saints due Oct 26.  
Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9-10:30AM, Room 16  
Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays, 7-8PM, Chapel

### Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Tim Ruzon  
Readers: (8AM) Larry S, Cheryl W  
(10AM) Derek M, Rob G, Greg H  
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Cheryl W (10AM) Craig G, Brandon H, Luke B

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Paul S, Bob M  
Altar Guild: Ann P, Sola O, John F  
Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S (10AM) Paul S  
Hospitality: EB & Paul S  
Ablution Guild: Lisa D

### Acknowledgements

Nicene Creed: Enriching our Worship; Lectionary: RCL, Track 2; Psalms: Psalter for the Christian People; Prayers of the People: Rites and Rituals; Eucharistic Prayer: "Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II," The Season of Creation; Lessons: Job 39:1-18; Psalm 121; Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Prelude and Welcome (10AM): Please remain seated.

Entrance Hymn (10AM): Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal 400      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      Lasst uns erfreuen

Opening Acclamation: Please stand as you are able.

Clergy: This is the day the Creator has made.

Community: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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.**

Kyrie (10AM)

(The "S" (Service) numbers are found in the front section of the blue Hymnal)

Hymnal S-278    *Glory to God in the Highest*      William Matthias (1934-1992)

Centering Prayer and the Collect of the Day: Please be seated.

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

*Take a deep breath. Notice God's presence and action around and within. When the time is right the Collect of the Day then "collects" our individual thoughts and prayers. The community responds: Amen.*

First Testament

A reading from the book of Job.

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfill,

and do you know the time when they give birth,

when they crouch to give birth to their offspring

and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;

they go forth and do not return to them.

Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,  
to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
the salt land for its dwelling place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;

it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
and it searches after every green thing.

Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,  
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

Will you depend on it because its strength is great,  
and will you hand over your labor to it?

Do you have faith in it that it will return  
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

The ostrich's wings flap wildly,  
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth  
and lets them be warmed on the ground,  
forgetting that a foot may crush them  
and that a wild animal may trample them.

It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;  
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;  
because God has made it forget wisdom  
and given it no share in understanding.

When it spreads its plumes aloft,  
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse alternating  
between reader and community beginning with the reader.

(10AM)



- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the / **hills**; \*  
from where is my help to / **come**?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the / **LORD**, \*  
the maker of heaven and / **earth**.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be / **moved** \*  
and the One who watches over you will not fall a- / **sleep**.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, the One who keeps watch over / **Israel** \*  
shall neither slumber nor / **sleep**;
- <sup>5</sup> It is the LORD watches over / **you**; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right / **hand**,
- <sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by / **day**, \*  
nor the moon by / **night**.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve you from all / **evil**; \*  
the LORD shall keep you / **safe**.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming / **in**, \*  
from this time forth for ever- / **more**.

### New Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the

proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 554

*'Tis the gift to be Simple*

Simple Gifts

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample

goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: At the invitation of the preacher, please be seated.

The Nicene Creed: Please stand as you are able.

**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 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: Honoring God in Creation

Clergy: Let us pray for the church and the world.

Reader: Let us name with thanksgiving those creatures for whom we care: \_\_\_\_\_ . <Reader pauses to allow the community to offer names.>

Let us name with thanksgiving those creatures who have been our companions over the years and are no longer with us: \_\_\_\_\_ .

<Reader pauses to allow the community to offer names.>

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of the Holy Land and Haiti. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**



Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Confession and Absolution of Sin: Please kneel as you are able.

**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. 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. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Blessing of Life Hallmarks & Milestones: Please be seated for introductions.  
*At the invitation, please stand as you are able for prayer 50, pg. 830 in the red prayer book.*

The Peace: Please stand as you are able.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Everyone's space and sensitivities are respected. When someone offers their elbow, fist, or a peace sign, we respond appropriately.*

Announcements: Please visit our website for the latest weekly newsletter  
The Good News (stmarks-upland.org)

Offertory: Your contributions make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

*The Offertory is an action and a lifestyle of giving thanks. It is based on the belief that we give out of blessing, not from duty or obligation.*

*Make an online contribution to St. Mark's by visiting:*

<https://tinyurl.com/5dsw728s>



Offertory Anthem (10AM)

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please stand as you are able.

All things come of thee, O Lord; **And of thine own have we given thee.**

God dwells in you. **And also in you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give our thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you...

...we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-128)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might;**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus...

...All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Fraction Anthem

(8AM) Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

(10AM) Hymnal S-165

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Matthias

Blessing of Pets

*Station one offers bread; station two, wine, and station three, blessing of animals. Please allow for extra time and space for God's creatures.*

*We ask the minister if we desire a gluten-free wafer. We receive the wine in a personal chalice. They are placed in the baskets by the pillars as we*

return to our seats. To receive a blessing, we cross our arms across our chest. It is the historic position of the church that communion is complete with just one of the elements. We let an usher know if we wish communion to be brought to us. The Bread and the Cup are given with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 316

*This is the Hour*

Canticum Refectionis

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors: *After the prayer:* **Amen.**

The Prayer of St. Francis: Please stand as you are able.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*Blessing: After the blessing the community responds:* **Amen.**

Mission Hymn (10AM)

*Dismissal: After the dismissal the community responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude (10AM)

*Please join us in the parish hall for fellowship and light refreshment.*

## St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace

Our Mission: To be a place where love and hope abound: we welcome everyone to our worship and communion, we help one another understand God and know Jesus, we nurture our community and the world, and we celebrate diversity and work for social justice.

Our Vision: We will be a faith community that spreads God's word, loves like Jesus, enjoys worshiping together, and helps our neighbors.

### Vestry

Class of 2026:

Gail Dean, Fellowship

Kathy Osterkamp, Outreach,  
Worship

Susan Mackall, Christian

Education

Class of 2027:

Paul Stapp, Senior Warden

Lisa Drew, Jr. Warden, Finance

Ed Muehlbacher, Outreach

Class of 2028:

Dale Biggs, Buildings & Grounds

Ginger Rudisill, Membership

EB Stapp, Communications

Marcia Godwin, Treasurer

Carol Morgan, Clerk

### Staff and Clergy

Tim Ruzon, Music Director &  
Organist

Rose Barraza, Office Administrator  
The Rev. Sally Monastiere, Assisting  
Priest

The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto,  
Rector

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