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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 11, 2026
Indigenous Peoples Sunday

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.

Children & Youth Have a Place Here Children's Chapel for children ages 3-12 featuring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play takes place in the chapel next to the south side of the altar at 9:50AM on Sundays. Youth for Christ for young people in grades 6-12, 11:30AM on fourth Sundays.

Good News: All Are Welcome
Lawn Renovations begin Oct 12
Fiber Arts X Dress a Girl, (Second Tuesdays) Oct 13
Climate Ambassador Training, Oct 17, 9-1PM
Book Club, Oct 17, 10 AM
Shake Out Sunday, Oct 18
Organ Concert, Oct 18, 3PM
Names for All Saints Doves due Oct 18
Trunk or Treat, Oct 24, 4-7PM
Blessing of Costumes, Oct 25
All Saints Sunday & Daylight Saving, Nov 1
Blessing of Pledges, Nov 1
Blessing of Thanksgiving Baskets, Nov 8
Men's Coffee, Wednesdays at Starbucks above the 210 on Campus
Bible Study: Tues, 9AM, Room 16
Centering Prayer, Weds, 7PM, Chapel

Today's Ministers

Preacher: Rev. Sally M
Music: Choir, Hazel R
Readers: (8AM) Cheryl W, Ralph M (10AM) Moli T, Carol M, Brandon H
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Linda G (10AM) Kimberly C, Brandon H
Digital Ministry: Emilio & Michael D
Altar Guild: Bively S, Jim B, Cheri C
Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S (10AM) Ken & Lisa D
Hospitality: Karin & Jim B
Ablution Guild:

Acknowledgements

Proper 23: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14; Prayers of the People, Confession, Absolution, Dismissal: Episcopal Church Resources on the Doctrine of Discovery; Eucharistic Prayer: The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals, Pascua Yaqui

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

Schmücke dich — Johann Crüger arr. Paul Manz

Entrance Hymn (10AM): *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Hymnal 9 — *Not here for high and holy things* — Morning Song

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit.
Community: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Where is God's glory showing up in your life? How has someone reflected God's glory to you? What are you praising God for this week?

Gloria (10AM): *"S" (Service) numbers are found in the front of the hymnal.*

Hymnal S-278 — *Glory to God in the Highest* — William Matthias

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Centering Prayer and the Opening Prayer: *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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Testament

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah
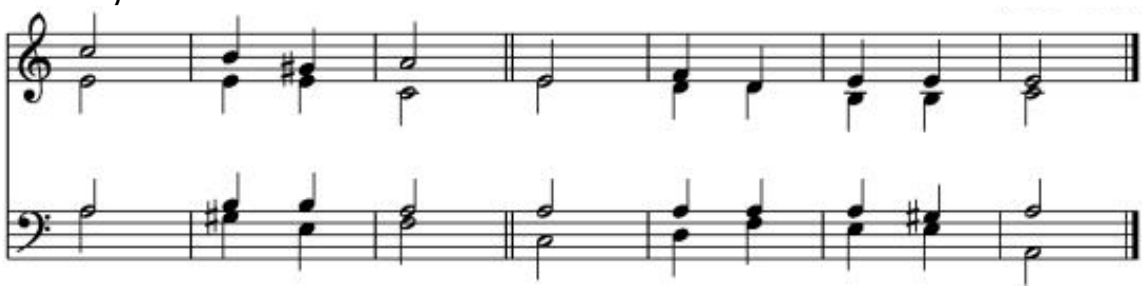
O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord

has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

The Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between the reader, first, and then the community.
(10AM)



1 The LORD / is my / **shepherd; ***
I shall / nŏt / be in / **want.**
2 You make me lie down in / grëen / **pastures ***
and lead me be- / sïde / stïll / **waters.**
3 You re- / vive my / **soul ***
and guide me along right pathways / for his / Namë's / **sake.**
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall / fear no / **evil; ***
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they / com-fort / **me.**
5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of / those who / **trouble me;***
you have anointed my head with oil, and my / cup is / run-ning / **over.**
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my / **life,***
and I will dwell in the / house of the / LORD for / **ever.**

New Testament

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

<u>Sequence Hymn (10AM)</u>

Hymnal 566	*From thee all skill and science flow*	The Church's Desolation

<u>Gospel: *Please rise in body or spirit*</u>
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then

he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon: *At the invitation of the preacher, please be seated.*
The Rev. Sally Monastiere

The Nicene Creed: *Please rise in body or spirit*
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
Clergy: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (Silence)

Leader: Grandfather we know you hear us when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church.
We are the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Through our humility we reveal Christ in word and action

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it
So that we might understand how we show honor and respect for You and all that you made.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others **That all may act with integrity and courage**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us

God of hope, comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.
That balance be restored to all of creation.

We remember those who have died. Our hearts cry out in pain at their passing. **We commend them back to you.**

Bring peace to those who mourn.
We feel their loss because we are all connected

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
When the time is right, the clergy offers a closing prayer.

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 our Savior 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.

The Peace: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
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.

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Offertory Interlude (10AM)
I have longed for Thy saving health — William Byrd

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord
Thy law is my delight, O Lord
O Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
and Thy judgements shall help me

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
All things come of thee, O God; **And of thine own have we given thee.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

From the place of the rising sun in the East to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where soft rain comes, and to the coldness of the North, we unite with all creation from the four directions to join our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise:

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.

O Great Spirit, Our Creator, you taught us that everything is sacred and you asked us to walk with you on a path towards peace and love. Just as in generations past, we come humbly with arms outstretched to honor you and all that you have created for all of creation. You have always cared for us, even when it seemed that there was no way to save our misuse of creation and mistreatment of each other.

Our Elder Brother, Jesus, came into creation so that we might understand you in a way that would help us find the path you had intended for us. Sharing our living and dying, our Elder Brother Jesus opened our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you, our Creator, love us all. Jesus lived in a good way. He rejected no one, fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty, and broke down the barriers that had been erected between race, class, and gender.

And, he paid a price for his loving ways. When it was his time, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and died. In this sacrifice our Elder Brother Jesus united us in all that is beauty, with all that has been, and all that will ever be.

On the night before he died, he gathered those who had been closest to him for a meal. During the meal our Elder Brother Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper our Elder Brother Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, blessed it, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup

is the new Covenant of my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We followed the path celebrating this ceremony from that time until now. Through our experiences then we proclaim this mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In this ceremony that our Elder Brother Jesus gave us, we have experienced a transformation of our spirits. We have been brought into the death of Jesus and raised into his resurrection, and we eat and drink with Him in His new life. We have noticed that when we come together for this ceremony, we all leave nourished no matter how lost we feel and no matter how hungry we have been.

We also offer our gifts in return just as our elders and ancestors teach us. It is through this sharing of what we have to give that we have found strength beyond imagining.

We humbly call upon your Spirit. Feed us, quench our thirst, make these simple elements from your creation to be Christ's body and blood.
We cry for the vision that will help us be your holy people in all that we do, in all that we are, in all that we breathe, and in all that we speak.

Come Creator Spirit. Come now and be for us holy food and drink. Surrounded by our ancestor spirits, the spirits of those who have led saintly lives, and all your saints and angels, we celebrate with all of creation for together we see the awesome nature of all creation, the need to be one family living in relationship, interdependently, and yet as one. May we be this unity and live as relatives to all.

Through Jesus the Christ and with Jesus the Christ and in Jesus the Christ, made possible by your Holy Spirit, we join with you our God and Creator as a community of relatives.
Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:
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 Hymn: *Spoken at 8AM; sung at 10AM*
(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
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.

We ask the minister if we want 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.

Healing Prayer (10AM)
Healing prayer and anointing by the Daughters of the King are available in the chapel to the left of the altar.

Communion Hymn (10AM)
Hymnal 339 *Deck thyself, my soul* Schmücke dich

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (10AM)
In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. **Amen**.

The Prayer of St. Francis: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
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)

Hymnal 511 *Holy Spirit, ever living* Mendon

The Dismissal

Go now into the four Sacred Directions, the east, south, west, and north.
Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places.
Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you.
Go and share the Gospel.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude (10AM)

Voluntary in A Major William Selby

Please join us for fellowship and refreshment.