



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.



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14, 2025

Please be aware that no clergy, staff, or lay leader from St. Mark's will request gift cards or other monetary support through e-mail or text. All financial requests and special appeals go through the Good News or US Postal Service; special requests are made in person.

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

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

Wellness Second Sundays: Free blood pressure monitoring after the 10AM service in the Wellness Room & Healing prayer in the chapel to the left of the altar during communion.

Book Club, Sept 20, 10AM

A Celebration of Life for George Roleder, Sept 27, 12 Noon

Trunk or Treat, Oct 25, 4-7PM

Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9-10:30AM, Room 16

Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays, 7-8PM, Chapel

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Tim Ruzon, Canon Serena B

Readers: (8AM) Canon Serena B, Ralph M (10AM) Dr. Jim B, John F, Barbara N

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Dale B (10AM) John F

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Craig G, Paul S

Altar Guild: Dr. Jim B, EB S, Larry & Bively S

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S (10AM) Dale B

Hospitality: Connie W, Dale B, Coco Ablution Guild: Kathy B

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: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-11; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

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

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

Hymnal 437

Tell Out, My Soul

Birmingham

Opening Acclamation: Please stand as you are able.

Clergy: Glory to our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

Community: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, `These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath

may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 103:1-8

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



¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving- / **kindness; ***
in your great compassion blot out my of- / **fenses.**

² Wash me through and through from my / **wickedness ***
and cleanse me from my / **sin.**

³ For I know my trans- / **gressions, ***
and my sin is ever be- / **fore me.**

⁴ Against you only have I / **sinned ***
and done what is evil in your / **sight.**

⁵ And so you are justified when you / **speak ***
and upright in your / **judgment.**

⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my / **birth, ***
a sinner from my mother's / **womb.**

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep with- / **in me, ***
and will make me understand wisdom / **secretly.**

⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / **pure; ***
wash me, and I shall be clean in- / **deed.**

⁹ Make me hear of joy and / **gladness, ***
that the body you have broken may re- / **joice.**

¹⁰ Hide your face from my / **sins ***
and blot out all my in- / **iquities.**

(Use second half of chant)

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O / **God, ***
and renew a right spirit with- / **in me.**

New Testament

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 664 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Resignation

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

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

Kimberly Cortner

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

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

Reader: We pray for the leaders of the Church. Make them worthy examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life. May the Church place its hope in you, O God, and not in human wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they show mercy and advocate for the rights of the people. May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than self-interest. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

We pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation in the Holy Land and Haiti. Create in me a clean heart, O God, **And renew a right spirit within me.**

We thank you for all you created. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in your creation, seeing the Kingdom of God even in a field of sheep. Open our eyes and our hearts. Create in me a clean heart, O God, **And renew a right spirit within me.**

We pray for those who are lost, that they might be found. We pray for those who are sure they are not lost; we ask that you find them too. And we thank you that in your mercy you seek until you find. Create in me a clean heart, O God, **And renew a right spirit within me.**

We pray for the sick, the anxious and the sorrowful. Make them hear of joy and gladness, that broken bodies and broken spirits may rejoice. Create in me a clean heart, O God, **And renew a right spirit within me.**

We trust to your mercy, O God, all who have died. May they rest eternally in your peace. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, our God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Create in me a clean heart, O God, **And renew a right spirit within me.**

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.

*After an absolution the community responds: **Amen.***

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)

Take My Life

Marty Wheeler Burnett

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

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

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)

Hymnal 432 *O Praise Ye the Lord* Laudate Dominum

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.
Free blood pressure monitoring after the 10AM service in the Wellness Room.*

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

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