Welcome Home

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

We spread God's word, love like Jesus, enjoy worshipping



Season of Creation: Living Water

August 30 to October 4, 2026

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 and coordinated by Susan M. Youth for Christ is a ministry for young people in grades 6-12 coordinated by Lisa D.

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Please see the Sunday Supplement for weekly announcements, ministers, music, and readings.

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Prelude and Welcome (10AM): *Please see Sunday Supplement*

Entrance Hymn (10AM): *Please see Sunday Supplement*

Opening Acclamation: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
Clergy: This is the day the Creator has made.
Community: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Song of Praise (10AM): *Please see Sunday Supplement*

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 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.

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

A Profession of Faith: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of the People: Honoring God in Creation
Clergy: Let us pray for the church and the world. (Silence)

Lector: 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 Iran, Haiti, the Holy Land. 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.*
God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Clergy: 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**.

(First Sundays) Blessing of Milestones: *Please be seated for introductions.*
At the invitation of the clergy, please stand as you are able for prayer 50, pg. 830 in the red prayer book.

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.

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

Offertory Anthem: *Please see Sunday Supplement*

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Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
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 Creator of all. We praise you here where the San Gabriel Mountains rise above chaparral and citrus groves, where suburb and desert meet, and winds carry both stillness and story. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again. We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land, and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, sage and buckwheat, coyote and ground squirrel, rattlesnake and monarch, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM
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, whose first bed was a feed trough, who was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, traveled in fishing

boats, and who told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.
After supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we may know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.
All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **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 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

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.**

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

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): *Please see Sunday Supplement*

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

Postlude (10AM): *Please see Sunday Supplement*

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