

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, June 1, 2025

11:00 AM



Gathering in the Presence

PRELUDE

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord is sovereign; let the earth rejoice!

People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

People: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all peoples behold God's glory.

Pastor: For the Lord is most high over all the earth.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

God of wholeness, We come to you in our brokenness. We have listened to other voices. We have chosen to ignore the needs of others. We tell ourselves that there is nothing we can give. We have not trusted you. Repair us, O God, and restore us to our true selves so that we might follow you. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HYMN #590**

Hallelujah

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Our hearts are open.

FIRST READING

Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

²Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³Fire goes before him

and consumes his adversaries on every side.

⁴His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples behold his glory.

⁷All servants of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;

all gods bow down before him.

⁸Zion hears and is glad,

and the towns^[a] of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments, O God.

⁹For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰You who love the Lord, hate evil;

he guards the lives of his faithful;

he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns^[b] for the righteous

and joy for the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

and give thanks to his holy name!

Reader: The word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN #456**

Listen, God Is Calling

Stanza 1 only

SECOND READING

John 17:20-26

SERMON

"On Behalf"

Rev. Dr. Jay Moses

Responding to the Word

***HYMN #515**

I Come with Joy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Stranger's Guise
Chancel Choir

Karen Marrolli

We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the list'ning place. And in the sacred name of the Triune God, He blessed us and our house, and our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: "often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

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PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #358

Steal Away

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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Welcome to Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. We are grateful that you are joining us today. We welcome everyone to our community regardless of race, class, marital status, sexual orientation, ability or disability. Saint Mark welcomes children and adults with disabilities and their families. We strive to ensure our programs and facilities are accessible to all and to accommodate any special needs. For those of you attending Saint Mark for the first time, we ask that you introduce yourself to an usher, so that we can greet you and answer any questions you may have.

We are pleased this morning to welcome Hoorig Poochikian, violinist, and Emma Johnson, cellist, from Galatea Chamber Music.

Offering Made Easy

If you would prefer to make an offering online, please go to the below QR code. We thank you for your generosity.



Announcements

Upcoming Game Night at Saint Mark

June 14th from 6:00 - 8:30 PM come for a game night in the Fellowship Hall with games for all ages. Pizza, salad and drinks will be provided. Mark it on your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors. Game tables will be hosted by several SMPC members, including youth. Please let us know whether you will attend so that we can estimate the amount of pizza, etc. to buy. We would like to see as many of you as can. We also encourage you to invite a friend.

Women's Refresh II

"Gaze Upon His Face". Join Pastor Flowers and the Change Your Thinking International Church for their second Women's Refresh conference. It will be held on Saturday, June 21st at Saint Mark in both the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. It begins at 8 AM and ends at 2 PM. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Matthew Black In Concert at Saint Mark

Matthew Black is an indie-folk singer-songwriter known for incisive lyrics and singable melodies. The literal son of a preacher man, Matthew left his job as a mild-mannered IT manager in 2022 to make music full-time. His songs are honest, earnest, questioning, and provocative. Humorous to deeply serious. Profane to sacred. Simple, melodic tunes that can transport you and make you believe there might be meaning and kindness in a chaotic world. And you'll still be humming the chorus days later.

We are grateful to welcome Matthew here Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 PM. Open and free to the public!

Pentecost Special Offering

Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to support the faith of young people all around the world who enrich the Church with their creativity and vibrancy. We are there to work to correct the lack of access to education for children-at-risk, nurture the faith and vocation of youth and create space for young adults to explore and grow as leaders in Christ's church.

This Offering helps our young people begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime. 40% of the offering stays at Saint Mark to support ministries with children, youth and young adults. 25% supports young adult volunteers, serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service. 25% supports ministries with youth including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. 10% is devoted to children at risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

There are multiple ways to give. Put your check in the offering plate but note on the check that it is for the Pentecost Offering. Give online at [**pcusa.org/give/Pentecost**](https://pcusa.org/give/Pentecost). Use the QR code below to donate and click on the Pentecost Offering.



Donate Blood / Help Save Lives

Trinity Lutheran Church, our neighbor down the street, is hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 2nd from 1:30 - 6:00 PM. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your life-saving donation.

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Please include the following persons in your prayers this week:

- ~ Kay Haynes
- ~ Mary Pullen
- ~ Betty Seidell
- ~ Alice and Stan Miller
- ~ Les Henig
- ~ Betty and Jerry Lowrie
- ~ Mary Jo and Ray Mountain
- ~ Ingrid Persaud

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