Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2026

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

Leader: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever
People: With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever
People: God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN #447 We are Forgiven

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 13:1-6**

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long must I bear pain[a] in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Reader: The word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #456 **Listen, God Is Calling**

ASP SHARING

SECOND READING **Matthew 10: 40-42**

SERMON " Imago Dei: The Image of God "
Rev. Nancy Ladd

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #301 Let Us Build a House**

Prayers of the People

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Lord's Prayer

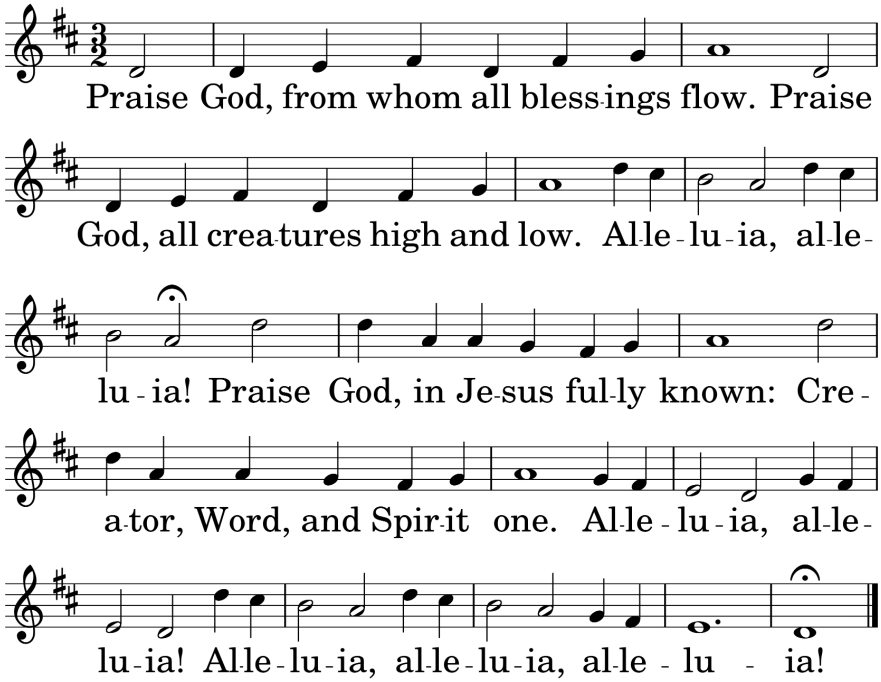
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright stg. Mahnke

Doxology

Hymn #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



***Prayer of Dedication**

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #39 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Charge & Blessing

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able**

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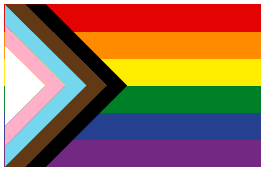
Leading today's service are Rev. Nancy Ladd, Guest Pastor; Jeff Doenges, Music Director and Hoorig Poochikian, violinist, and Emma Johnson, cellist, formerly of Galatea Chamber Music, now with Ixia Chamber Music.

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 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.



Welcome this morning to Pastor Nancy Ladd. Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd serves as Vice President for Communications and Development for the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. She previously served in parish ministry positions around the DC region for over twenty years and is the author of After the Good News: Progressive Faith Beyond Optimism and co-editor of Seeds of a New Way: Nurturing Authentic and Diverse Religious Leadership.

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

Young Adult Campfire Hang Out | Thursday, July 2nd | 7:00-8:30 PM | Pastor Jay's backyard
Pastor Jay, Briana and Pastor Sam are inviting young adults from Saint Mark, IFFP and beyond (high school graduates, college students, folks in their 20s and 30s, etc.) to an evening of scrumptious s'mores, low-key lawn games, and great stories and people. Come meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. All are welcome!!! *Bring a ghost story or a good joke!* **For planning purposes, reach out to Pastor Jay to get his address if you plan to attend.**

Faith 250: America's Shared Values
The arrival of our nation's 250th birthday, invites us to consider the meaning and blessing of America. In a time of rising political violence and exacerbated divisions, we aim to spark a movement that brings people together. Join clergy from 5 faith communities for an evening of study, listening and clarification of our values and hopes. The final event in the Faith 250 series is Wednesday, July 1st at 7 PM at B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville. See the attached flyer for information on how to register.

Summer Choir

If you'd like to sing in the choir, but can't commit to weekly rehearsals, then perhaps you'll consider summer choir. We only meet briefly before the 11AM service each Sunday to rehearse for that service. We won't sing an anthem, but rather, help teach new hymns, or add harmony, or simply provide strong leadership for the congregation. Questions? Please contact Jeff at **jeffdmusic@gmail.com**.

Cover Art

Christ Teaching the Disciples by Hans Schäufelein

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Please include the following persons in your prayers this week:

~ Karl Kaufmann
~ Dominic, 4-year-old great nephew of Bob Tarone, with a blood disorder
~ Ed and Judy Burr
~ Margery Elliott
~ Claudia Pavlin
~ Bob Dufek
~ Betty Seidell
~ Cindy Morgan
~ Betsy Weingarten
~ Kay Haynes
~ Betty Lowrie
~ Ray Mountain

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4 Sessions | 7:00 PM

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APRIL 29 - Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, Bethesda

The New Colossus - Emma Lazarus, 1883

MAY 11 - Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Rockville

The Declaration of Independence - Thomas Jefferson, 1776

JUNE 11 - Temple Beth Ami, Rockville

America the Beautiful - Katharine Lee Bates, 1895, 1911

JULY 1 - B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville

What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? - Frederick Douglass, 1852

Please register at www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/faith250. You may choose to attend all 4 sessions or only the ones that interest you. Registrants will receive exact location and Zoom information before each session.

B'NAI ISRAEL

EMORY GROVE

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

SAINT MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Community of Spirit and Service

TEMPLE BETH AMI

Saint Mark Community

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