

welcome

sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. for *the current* and at 8:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for the Traditional Service. You can either join us in person at St. Mark's or view from our website or Facebook page anytime (you **do not** need to have a Facebook account to view). Visit stmarkscarmel.org/connected.

sunday small groups

Adults

Detailed information is on a sign at the GROW Connection Tables and online at the bottom of stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

Kidz Church:

Nursery & Toddler Care 8:15, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.

Staffed by experienced, caring adults and teens, our nursery is here to care for our littlest members. Check-in children ages 6 weeks to 3 years in the education wing.

current kidz 9:40 a.m.

This program opens with music and worship arts, followed by age-appropriate classes with bible stories, experiments, crafts and games! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

Club 56 for Middle Schoolers Lower Level Den, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 5-6 meet in the Lower Level Den. Club 56 weaves together Bible instruction, some theology, service projects and relationship building.

Thank you for putting all electronic devices on silent mode during worship.

May mission focus

East Tenth United Methodist Children & Youth Center

Our mission focus for May is E. 10th UM Children & Youth Center, an accredited early learning center in east Indianapolis. The Center is an outreach initiative of East Tenth United Methodist Church, in response to a need for a safe place where the children and youth could go to learn and grow. They offer an income-based sliding scale for tuition costs and are proud to serve a diverse population. Programs include an Early Learning Childcare Center, Before & After School Care, and Summer Days for Youth. Your financial support helps them provide academic enrichment, computer and art classes, field trips and more. Donations for E. 10th may be given online at stmarkscarmel.org/give.

Harmonic Voices Room 6, 10:30-10:55 a.m.

Music Ensemble for grades 4-8 directed by Joyce Click.

Kidz Learn & Grow 11:00 a.m.

Bible stories come to life through music, crafts, games and video! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

Kidz Music & Praise 11:00 a.m. (hybrid)

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" during this in-person and online high energy class incorporating music, drama, art and puppets. Seasonal musicals are also rehearsed.

Youth:

Cornerstone AM Class Room M, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 7-12 meet in Room M where we read and discuss God's word & interactively apply it to everyday life.

Cornerstone Youth Fellowship Wesley Hall, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to meet together for games, fellowship, and a short message. Contact Don Broad at dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.

circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Myrnych & Jean Anderson, and Doris Carlow.

sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Wayne and Debbie Uhl in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.



May 21, 2023 9:40 a.m. 7th Sunday of Easter

the CURRENT

Gathering *In the House* by David Crowder

Worship Song *Blessed Be Your Name* by Matt & Beth Redman

Worship Song *Beautiful Things* by Lisa & Michael Gungor

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Passing the Peace

Graduate Recognition

Announcements

Reception of New Members Amon Kamala, Phil & Karen Wehman

Connection Spotlight Breakthrough Prayer

Message *Bearing Witness* Acts 1:6-14 Pastor Karla Elliott

Prayer & Offerings *The Commission* CAIN

Prayers for Ourselves & Others

Sending *East to West* by Hall & Herms

Blessing

Karla Elliott / Associate Pastor
Eric DeForest / Worship Leader

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ST. MARK'S IS A COMMUNITY OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST THAT STRIVES TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE, **GROW** IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE, AND **SERVE** OUR NEIGHBORS, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

May 21, 2023 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. 7th Sunday of Easter

order of worship

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude *Casey Hayes*

Introit *How Great Thou Art* arr. Craig Courtney
St. Mark's Chancel Choir

*Welcome and Call to Worship Pastor Brian K. White

Leader: Let the earth quake. Let the heavens pour down rain in the presence of our mighty God.

People: **Let the wicked flee like smoke in a mighty wind. Let the unrighteous tremble and shake like thunder in the mountains.**

Leader: For God, the Father of orphans, the Mother and protector of widows, rescues the perishing, but sends the rebellious to a parched land.

People: **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to our God.**

Leader: Awesome is our God in the sanctuary of heaven. Awesome is the One who gives power to the people.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel. God is greatly to be praised.**

*Opening Hymn *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* Hymnal No. 163

*Opening Prayer Pat Weeks, 8:15
Jenny Miller, 11:00

Let us pray:

O rider in the heavens, bear us on the winds of your mercy as we are cast about by the storms of life.

Grant us the strength to persevere in times of trial, that we may be glad and shout for joy when Christ's glory is revealed.

Keep us safe from our adversaries, who are like roaring lions seeking someone to devour in their love of carnage.

Restore us, support us, strengthen us, and establish us as your people, Holy One, that we may bear witness to your glorious power through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Passing God's Peace
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Graduate Recognition

Reflecting Our Mission, Hospitality and Generosity

(Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew or register your attendance at stmarkscarmel.org/attend. Observe who is sitting near you and greet them after the service.)

Reception of New Members

(8:15) Scott & Mary Richards
(9:40) Amon Kamala, Phil & Karen Wehman
(11:00) Frank & Nancy Kallinger, Win & Carol Smith,
Dennis & Wanda Thompson, Terry & Roxiann Timmons

Congregational Response

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to St. Mark’s. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Connection Spotlight Breakthrough Prayer

Lessons from Acts Acts 1:6-14 NT 118
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem The Majesty and Glory of Your Name by Joseph Martin

Pastoral Prayer

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 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, forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Offering envelopes may be found in sign-in folder.)
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory

***Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Gospel Lesson** John 17:1-11 NT 111
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Jesus’ Prayer for Us Pastor Brian K. White

***Hymn** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Hymnal No. 430

***Benediction**

***Response** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Hymnal No. 349

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.**

***Postlude**

Community

To learn about other ways we connect and grow in community at St. Mark’s, visit our website at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/events>.

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Pray Daily at 8:00 p.m.
Beginning today, we will pray the new breakthrough prayer introduced in worship. For further information, visit stmarkscarmel.org/breakthrough.

Trinkets & Treasures

Friday, May 26 | 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 27 | 8:00 a.m.—Noon
Trinkets and Treasures is an annual garage sale organized by St. Mark’s United Women in Faith. All funds raised go directly to support missions. Come and find your “treasurers” next weekend!

Grow

Breakthrough Prayer Facebook Group

Mondays & Thursdays starting May 22
Dig into topics from *Dynamite Prayer* with a private Facebook group with Pastor Karla starting May 22. Each Monday and Thursday through the summer, we’ll focus on a new day in the book, giving opportunities for some great discussion – we’ll be gathering asynchronously, so you can fit connecting with this study into your summer schedule. www.facebook.com/groups/smumcbreakthroughprayer.

VBS Mission Donations

VBS campers will be supporting Southport Middle and Perry Township Schools of Indianapolis during camp this summer. YOU can help NOW by donating from the list below to help support students in need. Donations can be placed in the pink tub in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your generosity!

New & Gently Used School Uniforms—

- Kids’ sizes 12/14 through Adult sizes of:
- Solid color polo shirts
 - Khaki/Blue/Black pants
 - Solid color crew neck sweatshirts

Travel sized Toiletries

- Deodorant, Shampoo, Soap

Campers and volunteers may sign up for ALL summer camps at stmarkscarmel.org/summercamps.

Serve in Kidz Church this Summer!

Do you have a heart for sharing God’s love with children, but can’t commit to serving long term? Then pick just one Sunday morning this summer and serve in Kidz Church! Fun, engaging leader guides and materials are all prepared for you. Contact Jackie Rowell at jrowell@stmarkscarmel.org to learn more.

Walking as a Spiritual Practice

Join us for a short devotional & mindful walks at River Road Park in June-Aug. Learn more at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups or on the GROW Connection Tables in the Gathering Area.

Serve

In-Kind Donations for East Tenth United Methodist Children & Youth Center

During the month of May, St. Mark’s is collecting Arts & Crafts supplies for East Tenth. Items needed include washable markers, pipe cleaners, construction paper, copy paper, puzzles, board games, and other arts and crafts supplies.

Soup’s On at Robert’s Park UMC Sunday, June 4

Can you help us provide a hot meal for homeless in Indy? St. Mark’s will prepare and serve lunch for Robert’s Park UMC’s Soup’s On ministry. Sign up online to provide food in advance or join volunteers that morning in serving carry-out meals.

Apartment Shelter Meals for Family Promise

Each Thursday in June, St. Mark’s will sponsor two families who are in the Apartment Shelter Program. Help is especially needed to deliver the meals, as well as to cook/prepare meals. Sign up online!

Fletcher Place Breakfast: Cooking Help Needed

4th Thursday of each month
Can you help prepare a hot meal for the hungry? Cooking is done in Fletcher Place’s kitchen, packed by volunteers in to-go containers and then distributed by staff at Fletcher Place. Sign up today at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Sign up for these opportunities at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. Donations can be left inside Door #2, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

this week at st. mark’s

Sunday, May 21

- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22

- Widow Encouragement (offsite), 11:00a.m.

Tuesday, May 23

- Missions Committee (Zoom), 6:30 p.m.
- Trustees (Room G/H), 6:30 p.m.
- GROW Meeting (Room B/C), 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

- Wednesday Bible Study (Cornerstone Commons), 9:30 a.m.
- ROMEOs (LePeep), 11:00 a.m.
- Al Anon (Room G/H), 11:30 a.m.
- Caregivers Encouragement Group (Conference Room), 6:00 p.m.
- MOB Ride, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 25

- Marksmen (Starbucks on 116th), 6:30 a.m.
- AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.
- Quilting Group (Room B/C), 1:00 p.m.
- Craft Group (Room G/H), 6:00 p.m.
- Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26

- Trinkets & Treasures (Wesley Hall), 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

- Trinkets & Treasures (Wesley Hall), 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

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