

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Rev. Dr. Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Diane Llywelyn
Ms. Darlene Wright

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude "In Heavenly Love Abiding" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. by Gilbert M. Martin)

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Liturgist

* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) Liturgist

Jesus said: I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

Let us come to Jesus for truth and life and relationship, trusting that he will lead us home to God.

Through Jesus we come to God in joy, thanksgiving, and praise!

* **Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 307

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

Call to Confession Guest Preacher

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Guest Preacher and Congregation

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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)

* **Invitation to stand**

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

No. 551

Assurance of God’s Forgiving Grace
(Responsive)

Guest Preacher and Congregation

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Reading:

1 John 4:7-21 (p. 1023 Pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord!

Liturgist

Response:

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Love in Action”

Rev. Dr. Greg Smith
White Rock Center of Hope

Anthem

“River of God's Love”
(arr. by Dengler)

Sanctuary Choir

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Guest Preacher and Congregation
– Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Guest Preacher and Congregation

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.

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology No. 606
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Liturgist

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary after the worship service.

* **Prayer of Dedication** Liturgist
Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

* **Hymn** No. 300
"We Are One in the Spirit"
("They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love")

* **Charge and Benediction** Guest Preacher

* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

Assisting in worship today is Bill Grayson, Liturgist.

The usher is Bill Oney.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28th

Today	5:00	The Eastfield Early Brass Concert and Reception (at Eastminster)
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00	Zoom Yoga

SESSION MEMBERS
Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2024
Kathleen Hale
Susie Miller
Lorraine Stephen

Class of 2025
Bill Grayson
Daniel Robinson
Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026
Diane Llywelyn
Bill Oney
Charlene Taylor