



January 9, 2022 – 09:30am
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Welcome Home

*Whether this is your first time stepping into this sanctuary or the thousandth,
we celebrate this opportunity to be together with you today.*

*As Christians, we take seriously our call to care for and protect one another, which sometimes
asks us to assume some discomfort to ensure someone else's good.*

*Therefore, we will continue to wear masks in worship at St. Mark's to protect
children under 5 years-old, as well as our neighbors who experience immune deficiencies. We
invite all worshipers, also, to be generous with physical distance from other households and no-
touch greetings while on campus.*

*During this transitional season, we invite families with young children to sit together in wor-
ship. An activity booklet is available for hands that like to stay busy, and more space to wiggle
is available during the service in the Narthex (foyer).*

Words of Meditation: “Until and unless Christ is someone happening between people, the gospel remains largely an abstraction. Until Jesus Christ is passed on personally through faithfulness and forgiveness, through bonds of union, I doubt whether he is passed on at all.” *Fr. Richard Rohr*

Prelude

Christ is the World's Light

Richard C. Baker

Welcome and Greetings

Rev. Darin Arntson

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Introit**

Celebrate the Day

Pepper Cholin

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus raise in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us, how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Jeri Newell-Davis

**Almighty God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son.
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit
faithful in your service,
that we may rejoice to be called children of God,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Children's Time

Rev. Darin Arntson

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Come as a child, Come to the waters; To the family of God,
Come, sons and daughters. Come to the river, the Lord, the life giver;
Wash in the love that is sent from above.
Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;
Come be baptized in the name of the Son;
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;
Come, be baptized in Love.
Come as a child, Come, sons and daughters,
Draw from the well Life giving waters.
Drink of the river, the Lord, the life giver;
Feel how it pours out the life that is yours.
Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;
Come be baptized in the name of the Son, the Son, Oh,
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;
Come, be baptized in Love. Come as a child.
Come be baptized in Love.

Second Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Darin Arntson

Sermon

We Belong

Rev. Darin Arntson

Call to Prayer

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeri Newell-Davis

Time of Silence

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.

Remembrance of Baptism and Reception of New Members

pg. 34 & 38

Jack Brown
David Fuller
John & Michelle Gilly
Kristen Vasquez

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Arise and Shine in Splendor

Johannes Brahms

*Doxology

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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Jeri Newell-Davis

We thank you, loving God,
for claiming us as your beloved children,
and calling us to bear witness to your grace in the world.
Use us and these gifts, offered in faith,
to become signs of hope and agents of healing
for all who long for your comforting peace.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

*Wash, O God, Our Blessed Children**

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Wash, O God, our blessed children* where your cleansing water's flow.
Number them among your people: bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

**alternate inclusive language*

***Benediction**

Rev. Darin Arntson

***Benediction Response**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Come Holy Spirit

J.S. Bach

*Those seated in the socially distanced section who wish to may exit the sanctuary
through the rear doors during the postlude.
Those who are seated in the non-distanced section are invited to remain seated until the
conclusion of the service.*

Reporting a Positive Test Result - Those who test positive for Covid-19 and have interacted with members of the congregation while presenting, or within 48 hours of presenting symptoms are strongly urged to contact the front office or a pastor within 24 hours of receiving test results. The identity of the individual who tests positive will be kept in confidence, but those who are exposed will be alerted and encouraged to be tested immediately. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our community safe.

Percentage of Vaccinated Worship Attendees in December

Dec 5: 90%

Dec 12: 93%

Dec 19: 95%

Dec. 26: 100%

These numbers represent those who have confirmed their vaccination status when registering or checking in. Please be sure, if you are willing to share, that your vaccination has been registered with the greeter next Sunday.

St. Mark's Calendar At-a-Glance-January 9, 2021 – January 23, 2022

Sunday, January 9

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Special Called Charge Conference – Zoom

Wednesday, January 12

10:00 a.m. UMW Friendship Circle – New Room
1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jeri – Zoom
2:00 p.m. UMW Harmony Circle – New Room
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Karen Scanlon – In-Person, Room TBD
6:30 p.m. Griefshare with Diane Moreno – Zoom (last class)

Thursday, January 13

12:00 p.m. UMW Faith Circle – Mary Ness's house
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Zoom
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, January 14

10:00 a.m. First Friday Book Club – Winnie Hoy's house (*new date*)

Saturday, January 15

11:00 a.m. Ed Munn Memorial Service – Sanctuary & Online

Sunday, January 16

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Comm. Choir Concert – Sanctuary & Online

Wednesday, January 19

1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jeri – Zoom
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Karen Scanlon – New Room
7:00 p.m. United Methodism 101 – Zoom

Thursday, January 20

3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Zoom
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Sunday, January 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship

For the most updated news and events refer to the weekly St. Mark's E-news and monthly Messenger Newsletter. If you are not signed up to receive St. Mark's communication, sign up by going to www.stmarksumcsd.org.

Announcements , January 9, 2021 – January 23, 2022

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Special Called Charge Conference, today at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom – All members are invited and welcome. We will be electing our leadership slate for 2022. Zoom meeting link will be sent to those on the enews mailing list. You may email Rev. Darin, darin@stmarksumcsd.org, for link by 1pm today.

UMW Small Group Meetings:

- Friendship Circle – Jan. 12, 2022, 10 a.m. in the New Room
- Harmony Circle – Jan. 12, 2022, 2 p.m. in the New Room
- Faith Circle – Jan. 13, 2022, Noon at Mary Ness' house. Bring your own lunch.

First Friday Book Club (new date), Friday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting will be at Winnie Hoy's house for a special treat. Winnie is a published short-story author and will be reading one of her stories.

Memorial Service for Ed Munn, Saturday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m. – Friends and family are invited to celebrate and remember the life of Ed Munn. Masks are required for those attending in person. Service will also be live streamed at www.stmarksumcsd.org/live-events.

Memorial Service for Bob McMeekin scheduled for Saturday, January 22 has been *postponed* to a later date and time. We will make an announcement once it been confirmed.

United Methodism 101, January 19 – February 2 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom – If you've wondered what makes a Methodist a "Methodist," or why we talk about John Wesley so much; if you're newer to this congregation or even a long-time member and want to know more about the tradition we share with Methodists across the world, this is the class for you! We'll meet in three sessions to cover our history, beliefs, and practices, and identify key resources to learn more. If you are interested in attending email darin@stmarksumcsd.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Comm. Choir Concert, Sunday, January 16 at 4:30 p.m. – The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir of San Diego is a traditional gospel choir singing songs with spiritual meaning and heart-filled sound. Their mission is to raise funds for educational grants for San Diego County high school seniors pursuing a college degree in visual or performing arts. Choir members' faith is expressed through songs of praise and worship, giving God the glory. Masks are required. You can register to attend at www.stmarksumcsd.org/concert-series. The concert will also be live-streamed at www.stmarksumcsd.org/live-stream-events.

College Scholarships for 2022 – In 1979 a College Scholarship Fund was established at St. Mark's to help church students with some of the costs of achieving a college education at the undergraduate or graduate level. We are thankful for this fund and would like to assist you. In February 2022 we will award scholarships for the 2022 school year. If you will be enrolled to attend a college or university for this school year, St. Mark's Scholarship forms are available in the church office. The deadline for 2022 applications is January 31, 2022. Forms are available in the office or online www.stmarksumcsd.org/scholarship-application-2022.

Due to the recent Covid-19 surge, we are currently putting the Sunday Coffee Hour on hold until further notice. We appreciate your understanding. 7

If you would like to donate altar flowers for Sunday service there will be a binder located in the Narthex every Sunday, or you can email office@stmarksumcsd.org or call 858.273.1480

To make a donation to St. Mark's visit:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNGP/home>



Today's Worship:

Organist - Craig McIlwain
Interim Music Director - Zlatoslav Sokolov
Sound and Video - Andy Guevara, Bob Hout, Robin & Elias Nuspl

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