



May 28, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Pentecost

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.*

*Kids Church for children ages 4 – 11 is now offered during worship.
Children are invited to meet their teachers in the Narthex following Children's Time to walk
together to the Social Hall, where they may be picked up by a parent following the service.
Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers in Room 1.*

*We thank you for continuing to extend generous grace to those who continue to seek physical
distance and mask on campus to protect against illness for themselves or others.*

Words of meditation: "This is the blessing that comes when we leave behind our aloneness / when we gather together / when we turn toward one another / This is the blessing that blazes among us when we speak the words strange to our ears / when we finally listen into the chaos / when we breathe together at last." - Jan Richardson

Prelude *Come Holy Spirit* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Greetings Rev. Darin Arntson

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you

*You are invited to turn to your neighbors and exchange greetings, share your name, or simply say,
'the peace of Christ be with you.'*

***Introit** *This is the Day the Lord Has Made* Mark Hayes

***Opening Hymn**

O Church of God, United

UMH 547

O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.

Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

***Opening Prayer**

Charles Ballinger

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people
by sending into us your Holy Spirit.
Direct us by the light of that Spirit,
that we may have right judgment in all things
and rejoice at all times in your peace,
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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

Ryan Silvia

Anthem

Spirit Come Down

Mark Hayes

Spirit, come down like the days of old.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.
Lord, I want to be used by You,
to feel Your power in all I do.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

Now on the day of Pentecost the disciples of the Lord were in one place
when suddenly from heav'n on high came the sound of a mighty wind.
That mighty wind then filled the place, and the Spirit appeared like tongues of fire.
It took control of ev'ryone, filling them with pow'r.

There were people there from ev'ry land,
yet they heard God's word in their native tongue,
for the Spirit had helped them understand
the mighty word of the Lord.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Darin Arntson

Sermon

With Every Breath

Rev. Darin Arntson

Call to Prayer

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

FWS 2119

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
there is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit,
in the Spirit of the Lord.

The Pastoral Prayer

Debbie Abbott

To request or offer prayers for those within and connected to our congregation, or to receive prayer chain updates, please email prayers@stmarksumcsd.org.

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.**

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Rev. Darin Arntson

Offertory

Open the Eyes of My Heart

arr. Larry Dalton

*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

Debbie Abbott

**God of wind, word, and fire,
we bless your name this day
for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.
We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small,
that you have poured out upon your children.
Accept us with our gifts
to be living praise and witness to your love
throughout all the earth;
through Jesus Christ,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

O Spirit of the Living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

***Benediction**

Rev. Darin Arntson

***Benediction Response**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Postlude

At the Holy Whitsuntide

Johann Pachelbel

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.

St. Mark's Calendar At-a-Glance: May 28 – June 11, 2023

Sunday, May 28 - Giving Statements Available following worship

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary & Online
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Courtyard
- 12:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Room 10

Monday, May 29 – The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:00 p.m. St. Mark's Concert Series: Cornell University Chorus – Sanctuary & Online
There will be a reception following the concert in the Social Hall.

Wednesday, May 31

- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Darin – Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Laity Bible Study – New Room
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Social Hall
- 6:30 p.m. New Member Interest Meeting – Zoom

Friday, June 2

- 10:00 a.m. First Friday Book Club – Marva Smith's House

Sunday, June 4 – "Just in Time for Foster Youth" Household Donation Collection, CCSA Collection

- 8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary & Online
- 10:30 a.m. Technology Workshop – Social Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Session – Room 10
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Room 10
- 5:00 p.m. MXR: Location TBA

Wednesday, June 7

- 10:00 a.m. UWF Friendship Circle – Courtyard
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Darin – Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Laity Bible Study – New Room
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Social Hall

Thursday, June 8

- 12:00 p.m. UWF Faith Circle – Casa Machado Restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. UWF Spirit Circle – Library

Saturday, June 10

- 8:30 a.m. Free Drive-Thru/Dine-In Pancake Breakfast – Social Hall (*ends at 10:30 a.m.*)

Sunday, June 11

- 8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Confirmation & Promotion – Sanctuary & Online
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Courtyard
- 4:00 p.m. St. Mark's Concert Series: Spring Ring Handbell Choir Concert – Sanctuary & Online
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Room 10

Save the Date!

Monday, June 12 – Streets of Hope: Meal Preparation & Distribution

Announcements, May 28 – June 11, 2023

Copies of Pastor Darin's sermon manuscript will now be made available on Sunday mornings. A printed copy may be picked up in the Narthex from one of the ushers, or an electronic copy requested by email. Please send requests to Darin@stmarksumcsd.org by Saturday evening.

Giving Statements available today after worship – If you are interested in picking up your Quarter One Giving Statement, see Pam Rader after the service. If you would like your statement to be mailed to you, contact Michelle at admin@stmarksumcsd.org. Those who have created an account in Realm may access their statement online. Please contact Michelle at admin@stmarksumcsd.org for details.

St. Mark's Concert Series presents The Cornell University Chorus on May 30 – The Cornell University Chorus, founded in 1920, is one of the nation's outstanding treble choirs. The Chorus performs a repertoire of masses, motets, spirituals, folksongs, world music, jazz, classical and contemporary pieces. Join us on **Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. The concert will also be livestreamed. Visit www.stmarksumcsd.org/concert-series for more information. *There will be a reception following the performance in the Social Hall.*

- **Save the Date! Spring Ring Handbell Concert: June 11 at 4:00 p.m.** – Sanctuary & Online

New Member Interest Meeting on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. – If you are interested in learning more about St. Mark's, what it means to be a United Methodist, or how you might deepen your commitment to this congregation through membership, you're invited! No commitment is required of those who attend. Email Pastor Darin with questions or to RSVP (and get the Zoom link) at: darin@stmarksumcsd.org. *For inquiries about baptism please contact Pastor Darin.*

Attention St. Mark's College Students! Now is the time to apply for St. Mark's College Scholarship. You may pick up your application form in the church office or download it online at www.stmarksumcsd.org/scholarship. *The deadline to turn in your application is July 15, 2023.*

Household Donation Collection benefitting "Just in Time for Foster Youth" organization – Remember moving into your first home? Imagine doing it without support of a family! That's the reality for youth exiting the foster care system. But you can step in "just in time" – like a family member would – to provide the essentials needed to establish a safe, stable place to call home. My First Home is focused on collecting NEW household items that can turn empty apartments into warm homes and give these youth something that's truly their own – probably for the first time in their lives! **Look for donation guidelines in the church office or narthex; bring items to worship on June 4, 2023.**

Summer Choir begins on Sunday, June 4 – During the summer the choir meets only on Sundays. Rehearsal starts at 8:15 a.m. and meets until around 9:20 a.m. right before the service. All singers are welcome to come anytime!

Please join us in worship on Sunday, June 11 to celebrate and welcome our Confirmands! In the United Methodist tradition, young people journey through a process called Confirmation by which they learn about Scripture, our Christian heritage, and the United Methodist Church in order to make an informed decision to become full members of our congregations. Over the past five months, four of our teenagers have been attending classes, offering their service, and engaging in mentoring discussions in preparation to make this public commitment to discipleship and membership in our church. I hope you can be present with us to celebrate them and this blessing of our shared life in a community of faith!

Today's altar flowers were donated by
Brad and Linda Cannon
in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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



Today's Worship:

Organist - Craig McIlwain
Director of Choral Ministries - Zlatoslav Sokolov
Sound and Video - Andy Guevara, Bob Hout, Robin & Elias Nuspl

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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