



September 25, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after 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.*

*Though no longer mandated in worship, masking is recommended, and we ask generous grace
be extended to those who continue to seek physical distance and mask on campus to protect
against illness for themselves or others.*

*Sunday School for children ages 4 – 11 will now be 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.*

Words of meditation: I entreat you, in the name of the Lord Jesus, act up to the dignity of your calling... employ whatever God has entrusted you with in doing good, all possible good, in every possible kind and degree, to the household of faith, to all men." ~John Wesley "The Use of Money," 1760.

Prelude

Ye Servants of God

Richard C. Baker

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 that the Lord has Made

Mark Hayes

***Opening Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH* 577, vv. 1, 3, 4

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***Opening Prayer**

Diane Moreno

**O God, rich in mercy,
you look with compassion on this troubled world.
Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure that comes only from you.
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

**FWS indicates the Faith We Sing (black book), and
UMH indicates the United Methodist Hymnal found in the pews.*

First Reading

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Thomas Lokensgard

Anthem

We Are Called

Mark Hayes

Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord

We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God
Sing, sing a new song

Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Gospel Reading

Luke 16: 19-31

Rev. Darin Arntson

Sermon

Rich in Good Works

Rev. Darin Arntson

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.
(sing twice)

Pastoral Prayer

Diane Moreno

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

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Tammy Waldrup
Glory Ringers

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Diane Moreno

**Almighty God,
in your wisdom, you ordered all things to work together
in service of one another for good.
Through this discipline of giving,
may we remember our purpose
to share your blessings with all of creation,
so that we might experience the fullness of joy
found in mutual flourishing and collective peace;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

UMH 581, vv. 1-3

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn the dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

***Benediction**

Rev. Darin Arntson

***Benediction Response**

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

UMH 581, v.4

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Postlude

God Be With You till We Meet Again

arr. S.E. Geschke

Glory Ringers

*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 - September 25 – October 9, 2022

Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary & Online
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Courtyard
- 11:00 a.m. RISE AGAINST HUNGER meal packaging – Social Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship

Wednesday, September 28

- 3:00 p.m. Laity Bible Study – New Room
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Social Hall
- 7:00 p.m. GriefShare Class – Zoom

Thursday, September 29

- 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday, CCSA Food Drop-Off

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary & Online
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Participants Orientation – Meet in the front of the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Courtyard
- 5:00 p.m. St. Mark's MXR – Coronado Brewing Co.

Wednesday, October 5

- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jeri – Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Laity Bible Study – New Room
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Social Hall

Thursday, October 6

- 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast – Social Hall (*ends at 10:30 a.m.*)
- 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life for Jo-Ann Gilbert – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 9 - Blessing of the Animals Service

- 9:30 a.m. *Blessing of the Animals* Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary & Online
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Courtyard
- 12:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship

Save the Date!

October 29, Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
October 30, SD Blood Bank Blood Drive

Announcements, September 25 – October 9, 2022

Today: RISE AGAINST HUNGER from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall – St. Mark's is partnering again with RISE AGAINST HUNGER to help package lentils and grains for our neighbors across the globe who are experiencing food insecurity. If you are available to volunteer your time, please join us in the Social Hall.

Bible Study with Pastor Jeri will resume on Wednesday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. – Pastor Jeri will be hosting Bible Study on Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in October. The Zoom meeting link will remain the same as it was in August; contact the church office for more information.

St. Mark's MXR: October 2 at 5:00 p.m. at Coronado Brewing Co., 1205 Knoxville St, San Diego, CA 92110 – Join us for an informal gathering for Gen-Xers and Millennials building Christian community. We will gather at Coronado Brewing Co., 1205 Knoxville St, San Diego, CA 92110. Appetizers and conversation starters will be provided, and beverages will be for purchase.

Blessing of the Animals service on October 9 at 9:30 a.m. – Mark your calendars for the annual St. Mark's *Blessing of the Animals* service on October 9 at 9:30 a.m. Blessing stations will grace the patio, and you'll also find animal representatives from local rescue organizations, and the tastiest surprises from our finest in-house bakers. Please remember leashes and pet carriers. All people and pets are welcome!

Jo-Ann Gilbert Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m. – Family and friends of St. Mark's are welcome to attend Jo-Ann Gilbert's celebration of life on Saturday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will not be live-streamed.

Orientation for opportunities to serve in worship on Sunday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the front of the Sanctuary – Beyond our weekly participation in our pews, we also need persons to serve as scripture readers, communion servers, greeters, and ushers (in addition to musicians and preachers, too!). **If you would be interested in serving in one or more of these ways, please attend the orientation meeting in the front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship October 2,** or email the front office to connect with a Worship Committee member to get started.

New Member Interest Meeting on October 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the library – If you are interested in learning more about St. Mark's, what it means to be 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. Dates of reception of new members will be on October 23 and December 11.

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Save the date for our Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat joint venture with our preschool. There will be a chili cook-off, trunk-decorating contest, a haunted maze, and more fun! This event will be our best yet with your help; please RSVP through the QR code (open your smart phone camera to capture the code and click the link that appears) so that we can get a headcount for food, and indicate if you are interested in signing up to decorate your car, cook chili, or volunteer. You may also contact the church office.



SD Blood Bank Blood Drive on Sunday, October 30, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – St. Mark's will again host the San Diego Blood Bank. Reservations will begin this month, but walk-ups are welcomed too. More information to follow soon.

Today's altar flowers were donated by:

Diana Starnes,

in memory of her parents Tom & Betty Tizzard, on their wedding anniversary.

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



Today's Worship:

Glory Ringers - Directed by Robin Tripp

Organist - Craig McIlwain

Director of Choral Ministries - Zlatoslav Sokolov

Sound and Video - Andy Guevara, Bob Hout, Robin & Elias Nuspl

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