

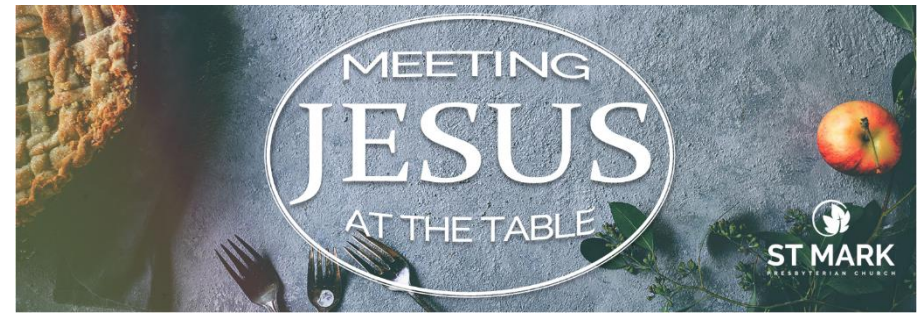
*Closing Hymn #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*Benediction

*Benediction Response #540

Farewell, Good Friends!



Postlude

Serving in Worship Today

Hallie Spence

Bill Brant, Liturgist

Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director

Judith B Calhoun, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are given by Steve and Betty Crowell to the glory of God and in honor of all our members with March birthdays.



**St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023**

Prelude

Judith B Calhoun

Turn Back O Man
Louis Bourgeois

Welcome and Congregational Life

Bill Brant

Introit

Chancel Choir

Brethren We Have Met to Worship
George Atkins | Alfred V. Fedak

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.
All: We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.
One: Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.
One: Be healed by God's gracious mercy.
All: We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.
One: In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.
All: Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.

*Hymn

Here in this Place

#401

Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Listening God, we often find it easier to talk about you than to you. And when we do talk to you, we find it easier to talk than to listen for your still small voice, and we find it easier to listen than to act once we hear your call. Forgive us our failures to talk, to listen and to do. Your love is never ending and that scares us. Pardon our fear, our inattentiveness, and our inaction. Move us in your direction and break down our defenses. This we pray through Jesus Christ, the ultimate listener and doer. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Petition

Remember Not, O God (vs. 1)

#430

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Gloria Patri

#581

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Hallie Spence

Anthem *Let Our Talents and Tongues Employ*
Arranged by John Leavitt

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:7-14

Sermon

Hallie Spence

Meeting Jesus at the Table
Making Room at the Table

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

But sometimes we ignore God's commandments, and we hide from our Creator.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn of Response

Come to the Table of Grace

#507

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Various

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer