



Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Largo from Xerxes*
George Frederick Handel

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us

#720

***Benediction**

Postlude *Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*
George Frederick Handel

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Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Dick Powell
Becky Graham, Liturgist
Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director
Lynne Puckett, Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given by Bruce and Debbie Culver to the glory of God and in honor of their daughter Angela Grover's birthday.

St. Mark Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Prelude

Overture from Music for Royal Fireworks
George Frederick Handel
Lynne Puckett

Welcome

Becky Graham

Congregational Life

Introit

Jesus is Risen
James Barnard | James Koerts
Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,
All: For we are the church of Jesus Christ!
One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,
All: Opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

***Hymn**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
#385

Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Petition #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** #581

Gloria Patri

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples Rev. Dick Powell

Following the Time with Young Disciples, elementary aged children are invited to stay and worship with their families or meet our adult leaders in the back of the church to go to Transitional Worship.

Anthem *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Arranged by Dave Clark

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40

Sermon Rev. Dick Powell

Act 2: Philip

***Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and
apostles,
rules our faith and life in Christ through
Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men
to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others
for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven
and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***Hymn of Response** #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks