

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And, also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Closing Hymn

#761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Benediction

Postlude

Sonata No. 20 in G Major

Ludwig van Beethoven

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Marley Voulgaris, Liturgist

Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director

Lynne Puckett, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers are provided by Mort and Suzanne McPhail to the glory of God and in honor of Pam Brant and her outstanding Plantscape Crew for the lovely plants and flowers surrounding our church.



St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Prelude

Lynne Puckett

Sonata No. 8 in C Major, Op 13, No. 9

Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley Swanson

Congregational Life

Introit

Chancel Choir

Sing a New Alleluia

Michael Barrett

*Call to Worship

Marley Voulgaris

One: With open hands,

All: With open doors,

One: The church of Jesus Christ is ready:

All: Ready to welcome us,

One: To gather us in,

All: To lift our spirits and

One: Lighten our grief,

All: To double our joy

One: And deepen our awe.

All: Open hands, open arms.

Come in. Welcome home!

***Hymn** #269
Lead On, O King Eternal!

Confession

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence—saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul.

But all too often we are too busy to say yes to Your invitation. We create excuses, make light of your call, think there will be more time later. Forgive us great God for turning down your invitation to abundant life. Forgive us for getting wrapped up in our own plans, our old ways of living, our bland sustenance. Help us to put away our old clothes of sin and wear the wedding clothes of your Kingdom.

We come with joy to meet you here, to eat and drink at Your table, to taste and see Your goodness, to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession
Sung Petition #519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** #581
Gloria Patri

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Following the Sharing of the Peace, 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 *Come Share the Lord*
Brian Jeffrey Leech | Keith Christopher

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 16:11-15

Sermon Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Act 2: Lydia

*** Affirmation of Faith** Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

***Hymn of Response** #504
We Come as Guests Invited

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory Sonata No. 20 in G Major, Op. 49, No. 2
Ludwig van Beethoven