



Story OF Jesus:

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
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WELCOME TO ST. MARK! If you are a visitor please worship with us again. Please send us an email if you are a guest, need to update your information, or need assistance to smlc.office@yahoo.com. We also want to know if there have been any changes to your address or phone number, please call the office or email with the new information.

Upon entrance to the lobby from the parking lot, **AN ELEVATOR** is located down the corridor immediately to the right. It will take you to the sanctuary. **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available from an usher.

SIMPLY GIVING provides an automated way for your commitment to St. Mark to be carried out. Your offering through Simply Giving can be withdrawn weekly, semi-monthly, monthly or any number of ways. Forms can be found at the Welcome Center, or through the church office, or by visiting www.stmarktoledo.com and clicking on "Give" at the top of the page.

PRELUDE

HYMN #810 – “O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED”

OPENING DIALOGUE

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being,
and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

Since we have confidence by the new and living way opened for us by Jesus,
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

LUKE 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

REFLECTION

PASTOR GILLER

STORY

CATHY KLEWER

OFFERING/ “THE HEART OF WORSHIP”

MATT REDMAN

Verse 1

When the music fades, all is stripped
away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that’s
of worth
That will touch Your heart.

Pre-Chorus

I’ll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself is not what You
have required
You search much deeper within
through the way things appear;
You’re looking into my heart.

Chorus

I’m coming back to the heart of
worship,
And it’s all about You,
All about You, Jesus.
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve
made it,
When it’s all about You,
All about You, Jesus.

Verse 2

King of endless worth
No one could express how much You
deserve.
Though I’m weak and poor all I have
is Yours
Ev’ry single breath.

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

PRAYERS

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

Even the sparrow finds a home there,

and the swallow a nest for herself.

Happy are those who live in your house.

Happy are those whose strength is in you.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

My heart sings for joy in the house of my God.

Faithful God, shower the world with your lovingkindness,

that all may know your peace.

Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors,
that all may know your love.

Comfort the sick and dying,
that all may know your mercy.

Guide our leaders in the way of truth,
that all may know your justice.

Focus our hearts on the way of the cross,
that all may have faith in you.

Let us pray in the words of Martin Luther:

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that
my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a
strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable
to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen
my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure
of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to
be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright.
With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the
fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with
you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, let us pray with the words our Savior gave us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

HYMN #685 – “TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE”

POSTLUDE

Each Wednesday at 7 p.m. come and explore these stories from Jesus' life.

Wed. March 22 - Jesus Rests

Wed. March 29 - Jesus and Your Story

Holy Week Services:

April 5 - We will enjoy a meal in remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. A donation of at least \$10 a person is gratefully accepted to cover the cost of the meal. Reservations are required. Please reserve by Sunday, April 2nd. Call the office to reserve, (419) 691-3597.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion and Stripping the Altar.

April 7 - Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. with Tenebrae Service of Darkness. Community Crosswalk at 1:30 pm, beginning and ending at St. Mark.

April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt and family event Saturday, April 8th 11 am - 1 pm.

April 9 - Easter 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Celebration Services with Holy Communion.

April 16 - Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be our guest preacher.

LET'S BUILD BEDS – Let's Build Beds is a local non-profit organization that wants to make sure every child in need across northwest Ohio has a bed to sleep on, and you can help! You can donate your time during our event on Saturday, May 6th from 9am-12pm where we will help build beds, or you can donate money (\$200 buys the lumber, mattress, and bedding for one bed) our goal is \$10,000, or 50 beds. To sign up or donate online, visit: stmarktoledo.com/letsbuildbeds.

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION – Join us on Saturday, April 8th at St. Mark from 11am – 1pm and celebrate Easter with us! This is a free event. We will have crafts, activities, breakfast, an egg hunt, Easter Bunny meet-n-greet, Easter story adventure and more! Please call (419) 691-3597 to RSVP by Sunday, April 2nd.

BIBLE STUDY – Join the “Story of Jesus” bible study during Lent at St. Mark! This 6 session study is being offered Tuesday evenings in person AND on Zoom at 7:11pm (Feb. 28 – Apr. 4) and Wednesday mornings at 10 am (Mar. 1- Apr. 5). Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and the N.W.O. Synod staff have prepared this newly released study for congregations to fully participate in the 2023 “Year of Story.” Our focus is to learn and share the “Story of Jesus.” All are welcome and bring a friend. Please call the church office to sign up and receive a participant guide. (419-691-3597)

**At St. Mark, we glorify Jesus Christ when we KNOW, LIVE,
and SHARE the Word.**

**We KNOW the Word through study of the Bible, worship, and developing and
nurturing relationships with Jesus and others.**

**We LIVE the Word through prayer, perseverance,
and the power of the Spirit.**

We SHARE the Word by boldly crossing boundaries, welcoming all.