



"Hear, and I will speak; I will question you,  
and you declare to me..." Job 42:4

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Summer Sunday Worship: One service at 9:30 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, or need to update your information or you need assistance to [smlc.office@yahoo.com](mailto:smlc.office@yahoo.com). We also want to know if there have been any changes to your address or phone number, you can call the office or email with the new information.

We've seen the people of St. Mark band together to help each other and to reach out intentionally to our East Toledo community. If you feel led to support the mission of St. Mark, we encourage you to use our secure eGiving tools to make your offering. To learn more, visit [www.stmarktoledo.com](http://www.stmarktoledo.com) and look for the "Give" option in the menu at the top of the page. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GRANT!** Thanks to the Toledo Port Authority who has given St. Mark a grant for \$25,000 to be used toward our parking lot project. We are grateful!

The *Still Ringing the Bell* Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$690,991 with \$370,158 cash received as of Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an extraordinary response to God's grace and a powerful statement of the congregation's commitment.

If you are still deciding how to participate, there is still time! You can return your Statement of Intent by putting it in the offering plate or mail/bring it to the church office. If you have misplaced your Intent Card or need additional information, these will be available on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN #853 – “WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES”**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God’s mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward people. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and help us to trust your way when we cannot see, that we may hold fast through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **HYMN #574 - "HERE I AM, LORD"**

#### **JOB 23:1-9, 16-17**

Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>"Today also my complaint is bitter; [God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. <sup>8</sup>"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; <sup>9</sup>on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. <sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; <sup>17</sup>If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

#### **JOB 38:1-11**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'

#### **JOB 42:1-6**

Then Job answered the Lord: <sup>2</sup>"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup>'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup>'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' <sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

## SERMON

EMILY HEMMINGER

## OFFERING

### LORD, I NEED YOU

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#### Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

#### Chorus

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

#### Verse 2

Where sin runs deep  
Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are

Where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

#### Chorus

You're my one defense, my  
righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

## PRAYERS

### 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 and ever. Amen.**

# **BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**

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Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance  
flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

(chorus)

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

(chorus 2x)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
(repeat)

(chorus 2x)

## **POSTLUDE**

**LECTOR** - Kim Kruse

**NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES** – Our next Kid’s Night event will be on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm. Our next Neighborhood Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. We welcome those interested in volunteering to attend as well!

**DARTBALL NEWS** - The team will begin practice on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm. Opening day is for September 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark at 7:30 pm vs Messiah.

**HANDBELLS** – Any musicians at St. Mark interested in ringing handbells in the next year, please email or message Kim Fletcher at 419-304-0184 / kimberlyfletcher82@yahoo.com No experience with handbells is necessary!

**FOOD PANTRY** – We are currently in need of toilet paper, boxes of Mac & Cheese and 10.5 oz cans of soup. If you would like to donate, please leave them in the bin in the lobby area. Thank you!

**Week of 8/25/24 – 8/30/24**

Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....	\$8,024
General Fund Giving.....	\$3,945
Dedicated Funds Giving.....	\$983
Capital Campaign Giving.....	\$2,445
Total.....	\$7,373

*“General Fund” contributions are used for everyday church expenses.*

*“Dedicated Funds” contributions that are directed to specific ministry areas and can only be used for those areas.*

**Month of July Financial Figures**

General Income: \$28,374  
Dedicated Income: \$4,284  
Capital Campaign Income: \$19,628  
Expenses: \$31,440

**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.**

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