



“Will you come and follow me?”

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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, or need to update your information or you need assistance to 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.

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.

As we continue to make decisions about worship and gathering in the building with appropriate COVID precautions in place, the St. Mark leadership will continue to consider the recommendations of the CDC and the Lucas County Health Department. There is increasing concern about the Delta variant of the virus, so please feel free to mask if you have concerns about your own health or the health of others in your “bubble.” As always, please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. Thanks for your ongoing patience and compassion as we move ahead.

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 Your offering through Simply Giving can be withdrawn weekly, semi-monthly, monthly or any number of ways.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.

(Italics represent the 10:30 service music, Lyrics in back of bulletin)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #810 - "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED"

BY JOHN E. BODE

("God is For Us" by Michael Farren, James Ferguson)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Children's Sermon)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON - "KNOW, LIVE, SHARE, AND SHARE"

PASTOR GILLER

HYMN #798 - "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

("Flawless" – Offering)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

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.**

(Prayers, Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, Communion)

BENEDICTION

HYMN #805 - "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL" BY ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF

("In the Secret" by Andy Park)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LYRICS

GOD IS FOR US

Jesse Reeves, Michael Farren, James Tealy,
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, James Ferguson,
Tiarne Tranter Arr. Dan Galbraith
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Verse 1

We won't fear the battle,
we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley,
with You by our side

You will go before us,
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge,
only You can save

Chorus

*Sing with joy now,
"Our God is for us"
The Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress*

*Raise your voice now,
no love is greater
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us*

Verse 2

Even when I stumble,
even when I fall
Even when I turn back,
still Your love is sure

You will not abandon,
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
with never ending grace

Chorus

Bridge 2 x's
Neither height nor depth
can separate us
Hell and death
will not defeat us

He who gave
his Son to free us,
holds me in His love

Chorus 2x's

“FLAWLESS”

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Verse 1

There's got to be more
Than going back and forth
From doing right to doing wrong
'cause we were taught that's who we are
Well come on,
Get in the line right behind me
You, along with ev'rybody
Thinking there's worth in what you do

1st Pre Chorus:

Then like a hero, who takes the stage when we're
On the edge of our seats saying it's too late
Well, let me introduce you to amazing grace

Chorus

No matter the bumps
No matter the bruises
No matter the scars
Still the truth is
The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless

No matter the hurt
Or how deep the wound is
No matter the pain
Still the truth is
The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless

Verse 2

Could it possibly be
That we simply can't believe
That this unconditional
Kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this
And wrap him up in righteousness
But that's exactly what He did

Chorus

Bridge

Oo oo , Take a breath , Smile and say
“Right here, right now, I'm okay because
Oo (oo)
The cross was enough

2nd Pre-Chorus:

Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're
On the edge of our seats saying it's too late
Well, let me introduce you to grace, grace, God's grace

Chorus

Bridge

No matter what they say
Or what you think you are
The day you called His name
He made you flawless
He made you flawless

Chorus

IN THE SECRET

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Verse 1

In the secret
in the quiet place
In the stillness
You are there
In the secret
In the quiet hour
I wait only for You
'Cause I want to
I want to know You more

Chorus

*I want to know You
I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You
I want to see Your face
I want to know You more*

Verse 2

I am reaching
for the highest goal
that I might
receive the prize
Pressing onward
pushing ev'ry hindrance aside
out of my way
'Cause I want to
I want to know You more

Repeat *Chorus 2x's*

Tag 2 x's:

I want to know You more

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Join us this morning as we kick-off our SMASH Sunday School year for PreK-5th Grade students! The festivities will happen from 9:30-10:20am, and will include crafts, games, take-home snacks, registration, and more for the whole family. Confirmation (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12) will officially begin on Sunday, Sept 19th at 9:30am in the gym. Fellowship & education for youth AND adults will take place every Sunday from 9:30-10:20am.

LIVESTREAM AND MEDIA HELP – With our church returning to two worship services, that also means our media team needs double the help! Are you interested in learning the basics of our live stream or how to run our soundboard during worship? Please contact Emily Hemminger at emilyinministry@gmail.com for more information on how you can keep our media ministries growing!

BIBLE STUDY – Join the 6 weeks of Nehemiah Bible Study beginning Tuesday Sept. 7th either in person at 10:30am at St. Mark, or on Zoom with your computer at 7:11pm. This is an Old Testament study on prayer and rebuilding the temple during the time of Nehemiah. Participant packets are available in the church lobby. Please call the church office at (419) 691-3597 to sign up, Pastor Cindy Ritter will send you a Zoom invitation a few days before the study begins. All are welcome!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION – If you or someone you know are interested in receiving (or giving) homebound communion, please call the office at (419) 691-3597 and we will add you to the list. Volunteers are needed.

OWL’S LUNCHEON – (Older Wiser Lutherans) Mark your calendars! Next month’s meeting will be on Thursday, September 16th at 11:30 A.M. At The Water’s Edge at Maumee Bay Lodge Please contact Kathy Agoston to reserve your spot! Phone: (419) 508-5453 or Email: kagoston@sbcglobal.net Hope to see you there!

PRAYER BOOK – Do you have a favorite prayer, or have prayers passed down through your family/ friends? We are collecting prayers now through October 1st. We will be creating a “St. Mark Prayer Book Collection” for everyone to enjoy and share with others. Send your prayers to smlc.office@yahoo.com or hand them to Pastor Beth/ Pastor Cindy, or bring them personally into the church office. Thank you! Stay tuned for further information on how to obtain one as they are printed in the fall.

**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.