



“Whoever is not against us is for us.”

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am  
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 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.

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 Your offering through Simply Giving can be withdrawn weekly, semi-monthly, monthly or any number of ways.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](http://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 #661 - "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" BY KATHERINE HANKEY**

*("Today Is the Day" by Lincoln Brewster & Paul Baloche)*

**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

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Children's Sermon)*

## FIRST LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness<sup>[b]</sup> endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord,

Let your word proclaim his deeds.

Let your voice sing out to the world

That our God has come to save!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **MARK 9:38-50**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**SERMON - “KNOW, LIVE, SHARE”**

**PASTOR GILLER**

**HYMN #677 - “THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE”**

*(“The Heart of Worship” by Matt Redman – 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**

## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

*("I Want to Know You" by Mark Cole)*

## **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.**

## BENEDICTION

HYMN #574 - "HERE I AM LORD" VERSES 1 & 3

BY DANIEL SCHUTTE

*("Awesome God" by Rick Mullins)*

*(Benediction And Dismissal)*

## POSTLUDE

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### *LYRICS*

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#### **TODAY IS THE DAY**

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Verse 1:

I'm casting my cares aside  
I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You  
Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good  
It's good

*Chorus:*

*Today is the day  
You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day  
You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it*

And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day  
Today is the day

Verse 2:  
I'm putting my fears aside  
I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You  
Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good  
It's good

*Chorus*

(Musical interlude)

(2x`s)  
I will stand upon Your truth.  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
And all my days I'll live for You  
(And all my days I'll live) (*Repeat*)

*Chorus:*

I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm giving you my fears and sorrows  
Where you lead me I will follow  
I'm trusting in what you say  
Today is the day

(5x`s)  
Today is the day



## **THE HEART OF WORSHIP**

Words and music by Matt Redman

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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.

*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.*

*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.*

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. (*Chorus*)

## **I WANT TO KNOW YOU**

(w/Mission Statement Lyrics)

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Verse 1

Lord as I humble myself before You  
My cry and my prayer  
Lord is to know You

To hear from Your Word  
Your wisdom and truth  
My cry and my prayer  
Lord is to know You more

Chorus

*I want to hear Your voice  
And know Your ways  
And follow You Lord  
All of my days*

*To walk with You  
Ev'ry step that I take  
O Lord my God*

*I want to know You  
I want to live for You  
I want to share You  
This is our mission.*

Verse 2

Here in this quiet place all alone  
My cry and my prayer  
Lord is to know You

To know Your sweet Presence  
Each day that I live  
My cry and my prayer  
Lord is to know You more.

Chorus

**AWESOME GOD**

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Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love,  
Our God is an awesome God. (3 x's)

*Our God is an awesome God x 2 (tag)*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in memory of Ronald James “Obie” O’Brien by Brian Garee.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Confirmation (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12) will start at 9:30am in the gym. Fellowship & education for youth AND adults will take place every Sunday from 9:30-10:20am. Adults will meet downstairs in the Brotherhood Room just past the kitchen.

**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](mailto: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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PRAYER BOOK** – Do you have a favorite prayer, or have prayers passed down through your family/ friends? We are collecting prayers now through October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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.**