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

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Organist: Kim Fletcher
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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.

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 and look for the "Give" option in the menu at the top of the page. Thank you for supporting our ministry!



St. Mark is hosting Duo Léger, a harp and vocalist duo, with Eleonora Congiu on harp and Toledo native Shawn Mlynek, tenor. This concert is Wednesday, April 3rd at 6 pm in the St. Mark sanctuary. Admission is free, donations gladly accepted.

The *Still Ringing the Bell* Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$615,463 with \$132,836 cash received as of Friday, March 29th. 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.

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #365 – “JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The first reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 1-6.

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

The second reading is from Colossians, chapter 3, verses 1-4.

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 20, verses 1-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “WHERE IS JESUS?”

PASTOR BETH GILLER

HYMN #380 – “HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!”

**OFFERING – "THE LORD OUR GOD IS RISEN
WITH CHRIST IS RISEN"**

**ISAAC WATTS
TOM FETTKE**

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

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

HYMN #389 – “CHRIST IS ALIVE”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

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1st Verse:

Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
al - le lu - ia!
Sons of men and angels say:
al - le lu - ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
al - le lu - ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply:
al - le lu - ia!

2nd Verse:

Lives again our glorious King,
Al - le lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting:
Al - le lu - ia!
Dying once He all doth save,

Al - le lu - ia!
Where thy victo - ry, O grave?
Al - le lu - ia!

3rd Verse:

Love's redeeming work is done,
Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the battle won,
Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Al - le lu - ia!
Christ has opened Paradise,
Al - le lu - ia!

4th Verse:

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Al - le lu - ia!
Following our exalted Head,
Al - le lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Al - le lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Al - le lu - ia!

MY SAVIOR LIVES

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Verse 1

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His Name
Ev'ryone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

*Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say,
"Jesus, You are the only way"
My Savior,
My Savior lives*

Chorus

*I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Savior,
My Savior lives*

Verse 2

The King has come from heaven
And darkness trembles at His Name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

Chorus

(Instrumental Interlude)

Bridge

My Savior lives

My Savior lives

My Savior lives

(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

Tag: My Savior lives (2x's)

RESURRECTING

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Verse 1

The head that once was crowned with
thorns

Is crowned with glory now

The Savior knelt to wash our feet

Now at his feet we bow

Verse 2

The one who wore our sin and shame

Now robed in majesty

The radiance of perfect love

Now shines for all to see

Chorus

Your name, Your name is victory

All praise, Will rise to Christ our king

Verse 3

The fear that held us now gives way

To him who is our peace

His final breath upon the cross

Is now alive in me

Chorus x2

Bridge

By your spirit I will rise from the
ashes of defeat

The resurrected king is resurrecting me

In your name I come alive to declare
your victory

The resurrected king is resurrecting
me (*Repeat*)

Verse 4

The tomb where soldiers watched in
vain

Was borrowed for three days

His body there would not remain

Our God has robbed the grave

Our God has robbed the grave

Chorus / Bridge

MY REDEEMER LIVES

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I know He rescued my soul,
His blood covered my sin,
I believe, I believe.

My shame He's taken away,
My pain is healed in His name,
I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner,
Cause my Lord has conquered the grave.
My Redeemer lives, My Redeemer lives,
My Redeemer lives, My Redeemer lives,

(Back to beginning)

You lift my burden,
And I rise with You;
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see your kingdom come.

My Redeemer lives, My Redeemer lives.
(Repeat to end)

Tulips given to the glory of God in Memory of:

- Ed & Cass Koepfler, Warren Koepfler, and John & Betty Siemeracki by Tom & Nancy Koepfler.
- Robert & Sylvia Roe, and George & Sharon Stucker, our parents & grandparents by Jeff, Lori, and Alex Roe.
- by Jeff, Lori, and Alex Roe.
- Karen Kwisowaty, Joseph Zarazinski, LaVergne Zarazinski, Rose Polacek, and Edward Slowinski by Brian Garee.
- Fred & Irene Ewersen, and Robert Naugle by Tyler & Jenna Ewersen.
- My husband Kenny and my son Kevin by Gail Howell.
- My parents Ralph & Rhoda Kesling, and my niece Shelby Kesling by Joy Roecker.
- Fred's parents Fred Sr. & Helen Hahn, and brother Jeffrey Hahn. Denise's parents Paul & Phyllis Frantz by Fred and Denise Hahn.
- Edward Placko by his family.
- Tim Mix and Marilyn Adkins by Jeanne Mix.
- Loved ones by Arnie & Barb Brossia.
- Grandma & Grandpa Siemeracki, Grandma & Grandpop Koepfler, Warren Koepfler, Helen Miller, and Micheal Cortez by the Miller Family.
- Marilda Shontz, Norma Heestand, and Ken Porter by Marji Porter & Ann Porter.
- Ruth & Richard Wineland by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.
- Virginia & John McDonel, and Janice & Dennis Winckowski by the Winckowski Family.

Tulips given to the glory of God in Honor of:

- My grandchildren Drake Howell, Adrienne Alore, and Braden Alore by Gail Howell.
- My children Sean, Stacy, Heather & Chris, my grandchildren Adrian, Brady, Aubrey, Olivia, Evan & Jackson by Grandma Joy.
- Family & Friends by Arnie & Barb Brossia.

*YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR TULIPS AFTER THE 10:30 AM
SERVICE IS FINISHED, OR STOP IN THE OFFICE NEXT
WEEK TUES. – THURS. 9AM-3PM, MON. & FRI. 1PM - 3PM*

LECTOR (8:30 service) Kathy Agoston

WE THANK – the Traditional Choir for their gift of music this joyous Easter morning.

STILL RINGING THE BELL – 20 oz. tumblers are available for purchase in the lobby. The cost is \$20 with the proceeds going towards the campaign. Get yours today!

NEW BIBLE STUDY – Let's join together for a 6 Week Study on "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller beginning the week of April 29th. This is a DVD guided study-book optional. All are welcome. Led by Pr. Cindy Ritter. In Person sessions are on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Ladies Lounge. Online Zoom sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:11 pm.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES – Our next Kid's Night event will be on Wednesday, April 10th from 3-6 pm. Our Neighborhood Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 5 pm. We welcome those interested in volunteering to attend as well!

FOOD PANTRY – We are currently in need of 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!

SAVE YOUR BOTTLE CAPS – If you would like to bring your bottle caps to be recycled to help Coy Elementary get a bench, there is a box located in the lobby. Thank you!

Financial Figures for week of 2/24/24 – 2/29/24

Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....	\$8,024
General Fund Giving.....	\$3,504
Dedicated Fund Giving (Includes Capital Campaign).....	\$27,540
Total.....	\$31,044

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

“Dedicated Fund” contributions are directed to specific ministry areas and can only be used for that area.

February General Income: \$28,399
February Dedicated Income: \$14,004
February Expenses: \$37,295