

ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.

St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel and on Zoom

ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Welcome. Our service will always be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>. You may also enter by calling 1-646-558-8656. Please either print or have the bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service.

If there is a significant negative change in the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will switch to Zoom-only worship. An email will be sent out to the parish to alert everyone if the service is to be Zoom only.

In-person services at 90 Main Street **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 692 *“I heard the voice of Jesus say”*

(Alternative melody)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 and in your weariness lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down and drink, and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my Star, my Sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till pilgrim days are done.



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart,
and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Zachariah 9:9-12

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-15

Volunteer

Leader: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
People: slow to anger and of great kindness.
Leader: The LORD is loving to everyone *
People: and his compassion is over all his works.
Leader: All your works praise you, O LORD, *
People: and your faithful servants bless you.
Leader: They make known the glory of your kingdom *
People: and speak of your power;
Leader: That the peoples may know of your power *
People: and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
People: your dominion endures throughout all ages.
Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words *
People: and merciful in all his deeds.
Leader: The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
People: he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(*silence*)

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 137 "*Just as I am*" vss. 1,2,3

Bradbury

1. **Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

2. **Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

3. **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
(silence)

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Stephen Hard, M. Div
Senior Warden

THE CREED

Celebrant and People:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.
Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.
Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
[People may add their own petitions.]

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant sets the pace.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you

sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 657 *“Love divine, all loves excelling”*

Hyfrydol

Announcements

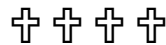
Priest, Deacon or

Worship Leader:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Thank you to everyone who participated in putting the service together today.



The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost - July 9, 2023

Longterm prayers are asked for: Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Kruvka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Harry Thompson, and Frank Williams.

Healing: Irene Alibrio, Hilton Corbin, Paulette Havard, Irene Alibrio, Zackary Capitao, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Georgie Bethel, and Cheryl Hanson.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Poquetanuck; Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; ECCT and parish committees on investments, stewardship, planned giving, insurance, and personnel policy.

Those who serve our country: Ryan Alexander, Tiana Baptiste, Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

Parish families: Jeffrey and Page Hartling, Miriam Hayes, Norm and Sue Holland and family, Gary Holland, Barbara Howey and Margaret Hughes.

Those who have died and those who are remembered today: Fay Rattenbury and William Rattenbury.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-875-7330 Email: campbellba24@gmail.com

Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.

Mailing address for financial contributions:

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538
or send checks electronically to the Church via your bank.**

St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.

The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.

The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 2).



2023 ABILITY WALK & ROLL

**15th Annual
“WALK & ROLL” ABILITY AWARENESS DAY at Walnut Hill Park
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
Event begins at 5:00 p.m.**

**St. Mark’s will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes and
collecting Prayer Requests again this year.**

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, July 9	Service in the Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard, Worship Leader
Monday, July 10	The Parish Office will be closed while Cheryl is on vacation. She will return to the office on Tuesday, July 11
Sunday, July 16	Service in the Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard, Worship Leader
Friday, July 21	Parish Office Closed
Sunday, July 23	Services at St. James, Farmington
Wednesday, July 26	Ability Walk & Roll - 5 p.m. - Walnut Hill Park
Friday, July 28	Parish Office Closed
Sunday, July 30	Services at St. James, Farmington

Summer Sunday Services

For a variety of reasons associated with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington, it will not always be possible to offer Sunday Services in the Erwin Chapel. On these Sundays, parishioners are encouraged to attend the Sunday Eucharist at St. James in Farmington to promote our getting to know one another and becoming more comfortable worshipping there. Through Labor Day, St. James' one service is at 9:30 a.m. This is livestreamed via FACEBOOK LIVE. Livestream connection is by clicking the "F" icon at the top of the St. James Webpage. After Labor Day there are two services. Rite 1 is celebrated at 8:00 am, Rite 2 (normally with choir) is celebrated at 10:15 am. Only the 10:15 am service is livestreamed.

A parking tip: When approaching the church turn right just in front of the entrance. Parking to the left (behind the church) is difficult and limited. Across the street from the front door of the church there is ample parking available on Sunday mornings.

Parking at 90 Main St.

South Church has begun their Summer Service times. Their Sunday Service will begin at 9:25 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. This will make parking very difficult. There will be a spots reserved for St. Mark’s. They will be near the entrance at the “bottom” of the parking lot. **Look for the traffic cones with ST. MARK’S on them.** However, if you are able, please park either on the street or in the parking garage next to the police station. Thank you.