

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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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.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

Rendez à Dieu



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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1-14

Volunteer

Leader: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *

People: to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

Leader: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *

People: because of their transgressions.

Leader: Our sins are stronger than we are, *

People: but you will blot them out.

Leader: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *

People: they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Leader: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *

People: O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

Leader: You make fast the mountains by your power; *

People: they are girded about with might.

Leader: You still the roaring of the seas, *

People: the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Leader: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *

People: you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *

People: the river of God is full of water.

Leader: You prepare the grain, *

People: for so you provide for the earth.

Leader: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *

People: with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

Leader: You crown the year with your goodness, *

People: and your paths overflow with plenty.

Leader: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *

People: and the hills be clothed with joy.

Leader: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *

People: let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 115 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Iverson

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered

away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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 VI

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops; and for all Priests, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

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

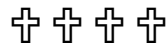
Priest, Deacon or

Worship Leader:

People:

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

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, Hilton Corbin, 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: Zackary Capitaio, 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, especially Bob Colhour, 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 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.



The children of St. James Episcopal Church are holding a Back-to-School Backpack and School Supply drive!

The Farmington Schools have identified 25 students in need of back-to-school supplies. St. James youth will be collecting the following supplies and will be stuffing the backpacks to give to the Farmington schools for these students.

We will be collecting the following school supplies between **now and Sunday, July 30th.** Supplies can be dropped off to the church narthex.

Thank you for your support!