



# The Parishioner

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What we believe about prayer is a good indication of what we believe about God, not just about the doctrinal and theological truths we affirm, but those things that we truly believe and on the basis of which we live our lives.

As Christians, we know we are supposed to pray, and we do. We pray at meals, giving thanks for what we have received. We pray (I hope) with and for our children, helping them to become accustomed to prayer and to make it a regular practice. We pray the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught us and continues to teach us.

Prayer is conversation with our Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit; it is as "natural" an act for Christians as breathing is to our physical body. But most of us are not very consistent at prayer; most of us struggle with it. We don't know what to say or how to ask. Sometimes we are afraid we might not use the right words, as though God only listens to us if we use the right theological vocabulary and remember to use the words like Thee, Thou and Thine.

Prayer can be a struggle. Fortunately, we are not alone. According to St. Paul, God himself is involved in our prayers, not just by listening, but by giving us His Spirit to help and guide us. In what is one of the most amazing and powerful passages in the whole of the New Testament – Romans 8 – St. Paul writes,

In the same way [i.e., in the way that creation groans and we ourselves groan as we await the fulfillment of all things], the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but **the Spirit himself** intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. And he [i.e., God] who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes** on behalf of the saints according to God's will (8.26-27).

There is enough here for at least a whole sermon (and there will be), if not a series of sermons. But for our purposes I offer this passage to you and ask you to ponder it *prayerfully!* The Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is involved, intimately and powerfully involved, in our prayers.

When we read the New Testament we find Jesus at prayer. We find him praying for his disciples, both then and now. He teaches his followers to pray. In the Book of Acts, Luke tells us again and again about the early Christians at prayer. Every act of the followers of Jesus was supported by prayer and bathed in prayer. Paul is always praying for the churches.

The contemporary Church is to be no different. We pray regularly together in worship. But how often do we gather specifically for prayer? That was the weekly practice of many churches for centuries – "prayer meetings" some called them. Someone recently told me about a wonderful practice she encountered in another church: there was a group of people who met in the sanctuary every month while their Church Council was meeting specifically to lift up the Council in prayer. What if we were to do something similar? What if we took

the monthly calendar and began to pray for St. Mark's Council, Worship & Music Committee, Choir Practice, etc.? I hope you regularly pray for me, especially as I am engaged in the many tasks of pastoral ministry. Please pray for me throughout the week as I am working on my sermon and preparing for worship. Pray for Wendy as she works with me to accomplish so many tasks. Pray for Darcy and our ministry to the children. Pray for our Sunday School Classes and Confirmation (Wendy and I teach confirmation every Sunday after worship). Pray for the Altar Guild, the Usher and the Organists, and all others who help in shaping and carry out worship. Pray for our custodians. Pray, especially each Thursday, for Katie's Kitchen and the people whom this ministry serves. Pray for one another.

As we continue to keep a Holy Lent and allow God to prepare us for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, what more important thing could we do than pray? I hope you will be a part of this ministry.

*Pastor Phillips*

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**LENT BEGINS**



**WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LENT SERVICES**

St. Mark's will be hosting ALL services, worship time 6:30 pm

**Schedule of Pastors leading worship**

- February 24 – Rev. David Phillips, Senior Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran
  - March 3 – Fr. David Hicks, Vicar, St. Peter's Anglican
- March 10 – Fr. Dan Waruszewski, Parochial Vicar, Butler Area Catholic Parishes
  - March 17 – Fr. Kevin Fazio, Butler Area Catholic Parishes
- March 24 – Rev. David Janz, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist

*"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. ... ~ Joel 2:12-14*

**Congregational Council** – Next meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Please have your reports into the office by Thursday, March 4, 2021.  
Envelopes will be available for pick-up in your mailboxes, Sunday, March 7.

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*Please keep our Church Council in your prayers as they make decisions for our church family.*

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*  
Saint Patrick



St. Mark's Financial Overview  
January 2021  
\$24,471.14 Receipts  
\$46,504.45 Expenses  
(\$22,033.31) Deficit

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday Worship – 9:00 am

*“On this day, the Church celebrates Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Most parishes celebrate with a procession at their Masses, in which we commit ourselves to “walking with Christ” through his passion, death and resurrection.”*

Thursday, April 1, 2021 ~ Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 pm

*“Here, we remember the last meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples as he anticipated his passion and death.”*

Friday, April 2, 2021 ~ Good Friday Worship – 7:00 pm

*“On Good Friday, we focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. We recognize that our sins come with a terrible price and that Jesus paid that price willingly out of love for us.”*

Sunday, April 4, 2021 ~ Easter Worship – 9:00 am

*“We rejoice with great joy at Jesus’ victory over sin and death: his victory is our victory. We have hope and joy in our lives because of the wonder of Christ’s love conquering our sin and his life overcoming our death.”*

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Source: <https://faithmag.com/why-should-i-go-holy-week-services>



Have you visited the library lately?

There is a table with **FREE** books in the corner.  
March & April features are on the center table.

“Lent” by George W. Barrett

“Lent Addresses and Essays”  
by W. E. Schramm

“Lent” by Victor E. Beck

“The Gift of Easter”  
by Floyd Thatcher

“Easter” by Floyd Thatcher

“First Easter” by Paul Maier

Jr. & Children’s Books

“Easter Stories” by Sylvia Parson Martin

“The First Easter” by Lois Rock

“The Very First Easter” by Paul Maier

“An Easter Alleluia” by Anita Reith Stohs

“The Tale of Three Trees”

Retold by Angela Elwell Hunt

›Would you like a visit or communion brought to your home?

Pastor would be glad to accommodate you.

Call the church office  
@ (724)287-6741,  
Or

Pastor David Phillips  
At the church, Monday – Thursday  
(724)287-6741

Or anytime at:  
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cell phone: 920-285-1990

### March Quiz

1. Which Commonwealth nation was granted full independence from Britain in March 1861?
2. Completed and turned over to the Federal Gov't in March 1936, the Hoover Dam is built on the border of which two States in America?
3. The Airship Hindenburg made its maiden flight in March 1936. In which US state was it mooring when it caught fire and was destroyed?
4. In March 1867 what did the USA purchase from Russia for \$7.2 million?

Source: <https://pubquizquestionshq.com/quiz/it-happened-march-quiz>

Answers: page 10

## *Notes from Katie's Kitchen for March.....*

*Happy Spring!* My husband has always said that golfers consider March 1 the first day of Spring. Whether or not Mother Nature says so is a different story, but at least we know that the majority of the cold, bad weather is behind us and the flowers of Spring are beginning to bloom! This is the first time in several years that we actually had "Winter", so we really can't complain too much. I love anticipating a good snow storm & staying snuggled inside, but crocuses, hyacinths, tulips & forsythia, & warm Spring breezes are so welcome now!

So What's NEW at Katie's Kitchen?

- ❖ Thanks to Tom Rossman from Trinity Lutheran & Dave from Parker's Appliances, we were able to get a new chest freezer. The old one had been there for many years & was beginning to show its age. This new, more energy efficient one has an interior light & stays open until you close it ( no more getting Bonked on the head by the freezer door!) We were blessed to get it at a good price. The old one was still working & was taken to a food bank in Northern Butler Co. that was in need of one. We were very happy to share & know that it is going to a good home!
- ❖ The CARES \$ is still a great resource for us as we are able to get canned goods & some fresh apples, oranges, & lettuce to serve as often as we can. Our guests enjoy fresh produce as that is more difficult for them to get. Butler Farm Market also has been providing us with fresh produce that we are very happy to use in our meals & share with those who are most in need!
- ❖ Our volunteers are slowly working to get our vaccines. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we are all vaccinated. We still will be wearing our masks but this is a very important step for all of us as we work to get back to some type of "normal". That being said, I still believe it will be quite some time before we will be serving meals inside the hall. We need to make sure ALL of our volunteers & guests are able to be safe during this crazy pandemic.
- ❖ If any of the children's ministries would like to make little notes that we can add to our meal bags, you are certainly welcome to do so. These little notes of encouragement are always a welcome surprise & I'm sure bring a smile to those who receive them. It doesn't have to be a special occasion for our guests to be told that they (we) are all special in the eyes of God.
- ❖ Please remember to patronize Butler Farm Market, Marburger Dairy, & Panera who continue to be a blessing to Katie's Kitchen.

As you are reading this we are well into the Lenten season- a time of renewal & reflection. We hope that we bring these blessings to the guests who come to our doors each week. Please continue to pray for all of those who have been affected in any way by Covid & those who are recovering.

- Justine



# Snapshots from Katie's Kitchen.....



Not all of us  
can do *great* things  
but we can do  
small things with  
*great love.*  
Mother Teresa



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*As each has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace:*  
1 Peter 4:10  
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First Communion—Easter  
Sunday, April 4th at the 9AM  
Service



All kids in 3rd grade and up who are interested in taking First Communion on Easter Sunday are invited to prepare with classes led by Miss Darcie and Pastor Phillips.

Classes will take place on Tuesday after school starting Feb. 23rd. Please call Darcie to sign up.



### Bible Bowl on the Book of Mark!

Practices this Month are on Tuesday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 23rd from 6:30PM to 8:00PM

Competition is on Sunday, April 25th at 5PM

Come Join the TEAM!!! See Darcie about joining!



### Confirmation

Meeting every Sunday in March at 10:15AM, in the Conference Room with Pastor Phillips and Miss Wendy.

### Sunday School for kids

Sunday School takes place every Sunday, from 10:15 to 11:15AM in Schramm Hall.

Starts at age 2.

March 7th—March 28th: Lent is here—Easter is coming!

March 28th is our annual "Palm Walk".



You are invited to attend the Community Lenten Service at St. Mark's Wednesday evening in March at 6:30PM.

Preaching Schedule:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fr. David Hicks, Vicar, St. Peter's Anglican

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Dan Waruszewski, Parochial Vicar, Butler Area Catholic Parishes

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Kevin Fazio, Butler Area Catholic Parishes

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Rev. David Janz, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist

If you can not attend, please check out the Sermon on St. Mark's YouTube Page

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# St. Mark's Newsletter



# Children's Hour March 2021

There are 5 Wednesdays of Children's Hour in March: the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st

## March's Theme: God Never Fails!

- Bible Story: the lost sheep & Palm Sunday
- PreMath: Diamond, 8
- Language: R, S, T, U, V
- Colors: Brown, Green



"But store up  
for yourselves

treasures  
in heaven"



Matthew 6:20

Wear **Green** for  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
is **March 17th!**

## Volunteers

We are well into the second half of Children's Hour and most of you have found your place volunteering with the kids. This Program is run by Moms, Dads, Grandparents, etc. If you are NOT on a Monthly rotational schedule, and are NOT doing work outside of the Program to help—please call Darcie today and see what is needed.

We have lots to do to prepare for the "End of the Year Program" - this is a great way to volunteer! Thanks!

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## Easter Egg stuffers needed

Children's Hour will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st after the "Palm Walk".

If you are able to provide a dozen small prizes to fit in the eggs, that would be wonderful.

(we need to stuff the eggs on **March 24th**, so try and have the items before the beginning of the day on the **24th**). Some great items to stuff in eggs are stickers, small toys, and candy.

The kids will make a basket/bag in craft class to put their eggs in.

## Trusting God Without Limits: 5 Lessons from the Life of St. Patrick

During the 5th century, St. Patrick of Ireland bravely engaged a barbaric culture for the sake of Christ, and his legacy changed the course of history, not only for that society but arguably for the entire Western world. St. Patrick, captured by Irish raiders at his father's country villa at age 15, Patrick spent 6 years watching his master's livestock for long isolated days on end, spending much of his time in prayer and communion with God. Finally escaping, he made his way back to his home in England only to have a dream of the Irish calling him back to the land of his captors to share the good news of a God who loved them. By the end of his life of ministry, numerous churches and monasteries had been set up all over Ireland and "countless number" had been baptized into the Church.

How could one man have had such an impact — and what can we gain from his example?

Here are five lessons you can learn from St. Patrick of Ireland.

### 1. Be motivated by gratitude.

Patrick's entire ministry was based on gratitude to God for saving him. In his own words:

*"God came along and with his power and compassion reached down and pulled me out, raised me up, and placed me on top of a wall. Because of this I must proclaim my good news, I must pay God back in some way for all that he has done for me here on earth and what he will do in eternity."*

I recently had the opportunity to share my testimony. And reminiscing about God's faithfulness rekindled my gratefulness for all that He has done for me. When was the last time you recounted His blessings to you? Try it sometime, and let gratitude spring from your heart (and maybe stream from your eyes). Then out of the overflow of your thankful heart, let your mouth speak.

### 2. You don't have to be a scholar, but it's ok if you are.

Patrick's British/Roman education was abruptly interrupted at age 15 when Irish raiders carried him away to be a slave. So, unlike his contemporary St. Augustine of Hippo, Patrick barely had a proper education at all. But Patrick didn't need a top-notch education. The Irish would have scoffed at him if he had come to them with eloquent words and air-tight arguments. They needed someone unafraid to work and sweat in the trenches with them, teaching them a better way through life-on-life example. Patrick's six years as a slave to the Irish had given him insight into their culture and taught him their language. I don't imagine these were fun times, but God used them for his good. So though Patrick and Augustine had different education and experiences, God prepared both to do what He created them to do—one to work among the barbaric Irish, and one to protect the faith against heresy through his writings. Patrick was suited to his calling, and Augustine was to his. And you are to yours too, whatever that calling may be. What scent is wafting from our lives? Peace and hope — or something else?

### 3. Be a living alternative to the ways of this world.

Patrick's life convinced the people of the truth of his words. He lived in front of them, in full spectacular view, what it meant to walk by the Spirit: bearing the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These traits sparkled in stark contrast to a grim Irish society. These people lived by the sword, often stealing from one another and killing their neighbors over a few head of cattle or stolen land. Patrick gave them a better option, as Thomas Cahill points out: "Patrick held out to these warrior children, in his own person, a living alternative. . . . Patrick's peace was no sham: it issued from his person like a fragrance." No doubt, this fragrance had the aroma of Christ. What scent is wafting from our lives in the midst of this turbulent society? Peace and hope — or something else?

### 4. Seek justice for the oppressed, even those who have been our enemies.

As Patrick's ministry grew, he identified himself more and more as an Irishman. The same people who had snatched him from his home and forced him into slavery—his enemies—had now become his family. Thus when British pirates took his spiritual children as captives to be sold into slavery, he wrote a scathing letter encouraging the Church leaders in Britain to shun these bandits. His grief over his lost loved ones is still palpable 1500 years later.

*"My newly baptized converts, still in their white robes, the sweet smell of the anointing oil still on their foreheads—you murdered them, cut them down with your swords! . . . With tears and sorrow I will mourn for you, my beautiful, beloved family and children—from the countless number born into Christ through me . . . Don't they know that the same God is father of us all? No, they hate you—they hate us—because we are Irish."*

Do we identify with those who need our love, our help? Do we identify with the refugee, the unborn, the mistreated among us? Do we see their troubles as our own—or do they have nothing to do with us? We must speak truth in deep, wholehearted love for others, speaking out against what is wrong and speaking up for what is right. Patrick was just an ordinary guy (like you and me) who served an extraordinary God.

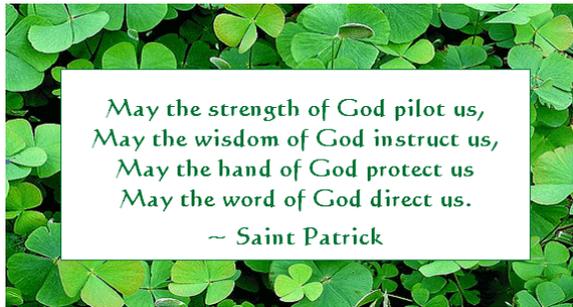
**5. Lean into the Lord when the hardships come.**

Later in life, Patrick wrote in his Confession:

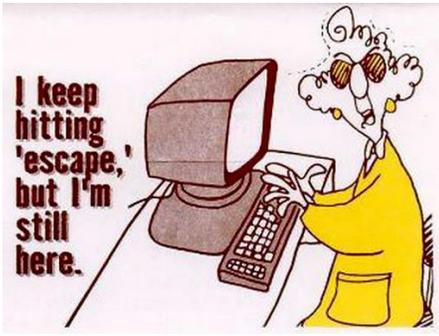
*“The Lord has rescued me from so many dangers that sometimes I just have to ask: ‘God, who am I? What is it you want me to do? You have worked beside me, helping me with your divine power, so that now I can praise and glorify your name constantly among nonbelievers—wherever I might be—in bad times and in good.’ Whatever happens to me, good or evil, I must accept it and give thanks to God. He has taught me to trust in him without any limits.”*

Stop and let that soak in. Who is this superman who trusted God “without any limits”? He’s just an ordinary guy (like you and me) who served an extraordinary God. We serve the same God who used an ordinary man to do extraordinary things. Let’s ask Him to grow that kind of trust in us.

Source: <https://intersectproject.org/faith-and-culture/trusting-god-without-limits-5-lessons-life-st-patrick/>



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<p><b><u>JOKE OF THE MONTH</u></b></p> <p>Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1? ????????????????????????????</p> <p>A: Because they’ve just finished a long, 31 day March. =====</p> <p>Q: What did the Irish potato say to his sweet heart? ????????????????????????????</p> <p>A: I only have eyes for you =====</p> 	<p><b><u>EVERYDAY ADVICE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to folklore, wear a sprig of <u>rosemary</u> in your hair to improve your memory!</li> </ul> <p><b><u>FOLKLORE FOR THE SEASON</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A wet spring, a dry harvest.</li> <li>• On St. Patrick’s Day, the warm side of a stone turns up, and the broad-back goose begins to lay.</li> <li>• March comes in with adders’ heads and goes out with peacocks’ tails.</li> <li>• Thunder in spring, Cold will bring.</li> <li>• So many mists in March you see, So many frosts in May will be.</li> <li>• In beginning or in end, March its gifts will send.</li> <li>• Bleak winds assault us all around; Dances aloft, or skims the ground: See the school-boy—his hat in hand, While on the path he scarce can stand</li> </ul> <p>Source: <a href="https://www.almanac.com/content/month-march-holidays-fun-facts-folklore">https://www.almanac.com/content/month-march-holidays-fun-facts-folklore</a></p>
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## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE

There is a great need for assistance from our NALC churches to assist the people in all states during disasters. I know that it is impossible for us to fill all these needs ourselves, but we can be part of a team with other NALC churches and support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**On March 28, 2021 we will be taking supplies to Brighton Heights Lutheran Church Pittsburgh to load in a truck headed to our warehouses. Please drop off your donations to the church by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Phillips (NALC Disaster Task Force) at 920-285-1558**

Suggested donations that I thought we could start out with are Quilts & Blankets, Flood Buckets, Health Kits, Bibles Gift Cards (Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's) plus monetary donations so we could purchase items for kits for you. **Donated items can be left in the labeled baskets outside the church office.**

### Listed below - Kits requirements:

#### FLOOD BUCKETS/CLEANING SUPPLIES

- One (1) five-gallon bucket with lid
- Two (2) large trash bags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- Scrub brush
- Dust Mask (general use)
- Rubber gloves 1 pair each Size L preferred
  - Rubber (reusable, i.e., Playtex, dishwashing type)
  - Leather
  - Cotton
- Broom & Dustpans
- Rakes, shovels, hoes (for debris removal)

#### HEALTH KITS Less than \$10 when items are purchased at Dollar Tree

##### (Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag)

- One (1) bath towel, dark color preferred
- One (1) wash cloth, dark color preferred
- One (1) bar of soap, in original wrapping
- One (1) toothbrush
- One (1) pack of dental floss
- One (1) tube of toothpaste (2 tubes if sample size)
- One (1) comb
- One (1) Deodorant
- One (1) Nail clippers

#### QUILTS AND BLANKETS

- Any size
- Any kind of fabric including religious, patriotic, seasonal, military symbols

#### BIBLES

- New or gently used
- Children's, Teens
- Spanish
- Large Print
- Prayer Books

We encourage you to write messages of hope on the front page of donated bibles.

Dear Women of St. Marks, This comes as a sincere "thank you" for your generous donation to the Butler Meals on Wheels. Your support is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Butler MOW



Answers from page 7: (1.) Commonwealth of Australia, (2.) Nevada and Arizona, (3.) New Jersey, (4.) Alaska

**THANK YOU** for the "Birthday Greetings" and the thoughtful words expressed therein. The advent of 77 years doesn't seem so bad...yet! You are in my prayers for God's continual blessings,



-Pastor Neal+



# March 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 Choir	9:30 Children's Hour 6:30 Community Lent Service	5:00 Katie's Kitchen		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship 10:15 S.S.		6:00 Choir 7:00 Council Mtg.	9:30 Children's Hour 6:30 Community Lent Service	5:00 Katie's Kitchen		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 9:00 Worship 10:15 S.S.		6:00 Choir	 9:30 Children's Hour 6:30 Community Lent Service	5:00 Katie's Kitchen		Happy Spring!
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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~March's birthstone is aquamarine, In ancient times, this aquatic blue stone was believed to protect sailors on oceanic voyages.

~March's birth flower is the daffodil, symbolizes unequalled love, so giving this flower to someone expresses a deep love that cannot be rivaled or imitated.



Scripture

*"As for me, I would seek God, and to God I would commit my cause. <sup>9</sup> He does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number. <sup>10</sup> He gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields; <sup>11</sup> he sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety."*

*.Job 5:8-11*

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Sunday School: 10:15 AM

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Ron Atkison, Council President  
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# RESURRECTION GARDEN

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. ~ Song of Songs 2:12

I/We would like to place the following order to beautify our church on Easter:

Plants - \$10.00 each

Hydrangeas (8") - \$15.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies (5+ blooms)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (7")

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths (7")

\_\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils (7")

\_\_\_\_\_ Mums (6")

Will pick up plant(s) after Easter Service: \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Given to the *Glory of God*-----  
by \_\_\_\_\_

Given in *Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

Given in *Honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Plants @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Plants @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ORDER DEADLINE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021**

Make checks payable to: St. Mark's

"Floral Gift" in the memo.

Place order in offering plate

or send to the Church Office

## March Scriptures and Prayers

**March 7, 2021** – Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 2:13-25

*Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**March 14, 2021** – Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

*O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**March 21, 2021** – Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:32-45

*O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**March 28, 2021** – Zachariah 9:9-12, Psalm 118:19-29, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

*Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

