

Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday March 22, 2020

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at stmarkcp.org or our Facebook page "St.MarkCP". Worship material for this week will be pre-recorded. There are options for music for the morning and the sermon for the week.

We encourage you to lead worship with your family and friends in person or through video chat.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God
we will turn on the light.

When we cannot find our way back to love and peace
we will turn on the light.

When our vision dims due to the darkness within
we will turn on the light.

Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

Praise God, the light of the world!

SONG

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WOV #660

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain,
we would rather shut our eyes and be blind
than see things as they really are.

Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world,
and give us the strength to bring your light
to those who walk in darkness.

Help us see others as you see them,
and forgive us when we do not trust you enough
to open our eyes to the possibilities before us.

Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God,

and lead us in the footsteps

of the Light of the World,

who reveals your glory in his life,

his teachings, and his love.

In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the blind man.

SERMON

Go to stmarkcp.org and look for links in the middle of the homepage.

Click on the sermon for "March 22, 2020".

You may also view the video on our Facebook page.

SONG

"Amazing Grace"

ELW #779

PEACE

We encourage you to pass the peace with those you are with and/or call, text, or face-time someone and share God's peace with them.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of insight, raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, help us to lift up the unique gifts of each person, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints, especially Robert Geslin. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SONG

"Word of God Speak"

Bart Millard & Pete Kipley

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you,

May the grace of God astound you,

May the hope of God ground you.

Amen.