

**St. Mark's Worship Service**  
**10:00 a.m. May 2, 2021**  
**"According to Jesus, Love Is..."**  
**"Letting Go"**

**Preparation**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**Opening Hymn**  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**Opening Prayer**

**Introduction To Today's Scriptures**

**First Scripture Reading(s)**  
Matthew 6:24 & Luke 16:13

**Special Music**  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

**Second Scripture Reading**  
Mark 10:17-27

**Message**  
"Letting Go"  
(Last in the series on "According to Jesus, Love Is...")  
**Rev. Sharon Ragland**

**Call To Prayer & Communion**  
*Above All*

**Celebrate Holy Communion**  
*Communion Song*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**  
*Live Like You're Free*

**Benediction**

**Sung Benediction**  
*Shalom to You*

**Postlude**  
*Sing to the Lord*

## Announcements

**Communion today!** For recorded worship, have a piece of bread or cracker and juice or another beverage available so you can participate. For in-person worship, prepackaged elements will be provided.

**UPDATES FOR UPCOMING SERVICES:** Next Sunday **outdoor west patio worship service is at 8 a.m.** You do not need to register for this. Wear masks and bring a chair (chairs provided for those who can't bring their own). Just come!

On Sunday, May 9, we will have 10 a.m. in-person worship service in the Sanctuary. **YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR THIS SERVICE.** Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 3. An email with a link to register will be sent out. **Both services require masks.** We are very excited about in-person worship! Again, recorded worship continues at 9:45 a.m.

As we begin to have in-person worship in the Sanctuary, we have reinstated our weekly **Sunday altar flower donations.** The donation board has been updated and the cards are ready for you to pick the days that have meaning to you. Flowers need to be delivered to the office between 8:30 a.m. and noon on Fridays. If you have any questions, contact Shelley Gault in the office. Sign up today!

Your generous contributions toward the **2021 Easter offering** raised \$12,520. Fifty percent of this amount is designated for Interfaith Community Services, which assists thousands of people in our community through a variety of programs including operating two food banks. The other half is designated for Our Family Services, a local organization whose core mission is to eliminate homelessness for families and youth. Thank you for your support!

Come and join us for a discussion of ***Learning to Walk in the Dark*** by Barbara Brown Taylor. We meet from 6:30-8 Monday, May 17 via Zoom. Register on the website

**Celebration of Students** Join us for a celebration of all our St. Mark's students, from pre-k to graduating seniors! This event to honor our students is Friday, May 21. Drive up anytime from 5:30 until 7 p.m.



Online giving is easy! Go to [www.umcstmarks.org](http://www.umcstmarks.org) and click "Giving" or point your smartphone camera at this code and it will take you right to the page!



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