

Easter Weekend

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 18, 7:00pm

Join us for a service of contemplation and holy communion as we embrace the story of Jesus' last supper.

Good Friday Worship, April 19, noon, at First Presbyterian Church in Orange

St. Mark joins First, New Hope, and Canyon Hills Presbyterian Churches in a combined service remembering Jesus' rejection, suffering, and death.

Annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20, 10:00–12:00pm

St. Mark will host a multigenerational brunch and egg hunt. All are welcome!

Saturday Worship, April 20, 5:00pm

Join us for a celebration of the Resurrection with lively arts!

Sunday Worship, April 21, 9:00am and 10:30am

Join us for a celebration of the Resurrection, including an open invitation to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus.



St. Mark is a community with open hearts, open arms, and open minds where all are welcomed. From differing faith and non-faith backgrounds, we connect through our care for social justice and our environment, and making a difference in our local and global communities. Learn more at www.stmarkpresbyterian.org, or call (949) 200-1938.

Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and other disciplines that engage us in self-examination as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness — during which we will examine our participation in care of God's world.

Fragile Beauty of the Earth: Lent 2019

*O Lord, how manifold are your works
In wisdom you have made them all.*



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Psalm 104

The 104th Psalm is a rapturous hymn that delights in the diversity, interrelatedness, and sheer beauty of creation. Each week we will read a segment of the psalm as our entry into reflecting on the fragile beauty of the earth.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 7:00pm

Between Water and Ashes

We begin our season with remembering our baptism and remembering our mortality.

Lent I, March 9-10

The Sovereignty of God in the wind and fire
Psalm 104: 1-4; Luke 13:1-9

Lent II, March 16-17

The order of creation and the chaos of rising sea levels, Psalm 104: 5-9; Luke 8:22-25

Lent III, March 23-24

The joy of the earth when there is enough
Psalm 104:10-13; Luke 9:10-17

Lent IV, March 30-31

The circles and cycles of life

Psalm 104:14-23; Luke 13:10-17

Lent V, April 6-7

God's joy in biodiversity and God's tears over the extinction of species

Psalm 104:24-32; Luke 13:18-19

Lent VI, Palm/Passion, April 13-14

The cross and the desire to erase sin from the earth

Psalm 104:33-35; Luke 23

Why “Fragile” Beauty?

For many years, the earth has been treated as an endless supply of resources, with skies that reach to the heavens, oceans that seem deathless, and species of plant and animal life that seem endlessly available for human consumption. A Homeric poem even contained the chorus that began, “The earth, deathless is she ...” exhibiting this common perspective.

Among people of faith, the words of God in Genesis 1:28 (“... fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion ...”) have often been perceived as giving biblical license for humans to exploit the earth and everything in it.

Today it is increasingly clear that we have overestimated the earth’s capacity to endure exploitation. Our earth has shown that its beauty is also accompanied by its fragility, so having “dominion” requires exercising care, rather than exploitation.

Weekly Disciplines

Visit the St. Mark Facebook page each day for daily reflection and action from *Tread Lightly for Lent*, a resource from the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Take home a copy of the booklet, *Awakening to God’s Beauty*, published by Presbyterians Today, which is available in the foyer.

Weekly Schedule

Saturdays@5 Worship

Our Saturday Worship is at 5:00pm each week, with a mixture of upbeat jazz and contemplative prayer. During Lent, each service features a message on the 104th Psalm and a reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Saturday Talkback

Each Saturday, following worship, we will have a 30-minute “talkback” where pastors Davis and Noble will engage in a further conversation of that week’s Scripture and Sermon.

Sunday Worship

Our Sunday worship is at 9:30am each week, following a creative approach to traditional Reformed worship. During Lent, each service features a message on the 104th Psalm and a reading from the Gospel of Luke.

EarthCare Presentation

Our Sunday worship will feature a special speaker at 11:00am, some of whom will represent local environmental organizations from Orange County.

Wednesday Text Study

Each Wednesday morning, 9:30-11:00, we will study the gospel lesson for the forthcoming Sunday in depth.