

This Week's Sermon: "The Way"
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Scripture readings during worship

[Psalm 25:4-11](#)

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Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

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Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

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Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

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Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

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Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

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He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

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All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

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For the sake of your name, Lord,
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Sermon Scripture

[Mark 1:1-14](#)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,
2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way” —

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“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. **6** John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” **12** At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, **13** and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

Theme: We will go into who Mark is and the occasion/reason for writing and the foundation of Jesus calling the disciples. Preparing the way and the kingdom of heaven being at hand, here and now.