



# **SAINT MARK**

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 11:00 AM

## THE GATHERING

### THE WELCOME

*We welcome each of you to this service! No matter who you are or where you are from, You are a child of God, and you are welcome here!*

### PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Jason W. Krug

Saint Mark Handbell Choir

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come my people, let us gather to worship God.

**People: Let us sing praises and shout glory to the creator of heaven and earth.**

Minister: We gather in this sacred space to lift up God's holy name.

**All: We gather in this sacred space to honor and glorify God.**

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO. 269 | LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All**      **God of grace and mercy, by your power you have made the heavens and the earth. You have showered your blessings upon us, and have provided for our every need. You cause the sun to shine on us, and you let the rain replenish the earth. You have set our hands to work, and have allowed our minds to think. All this you have done because you love us. Yet, we neglect to acknowledge your amazing grace, and we think of our worth as our own doing. Hear our cry for mercy and forgive us God, we pray. Cover us with your prevenient grace, and allow us to remain in your love.**

Minister: Hear the Good News: “Twas grace that taught our hearts to fear, and grace our fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour we first believed.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father (God), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY MOMENT

Frank Wrenn  
*Chair of Missions and Outreach*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER

ANTHEM

*Praise His Holy Name*

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah, praise His Holy name! Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH NO. 99 | *My Tribute*

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things God has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things God has done.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON     *Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7*

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNGER CHURCH

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH NO.390 | FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

\*GOSPEL LESSON     *Luke 9:51-56*

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Journeying with Jesus: Learning about Grace*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* *universal*

## SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH NO.378 v. 1-4 & 6 | *Amazing Grace*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Concerto in A Minor*

Vivaldi/Bach

\*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

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## WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW



Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

**ATTENDANCE** | Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

**NURSERY** | A nursery provided for infants and toddlers is located on the first floor of the Education building. Please see the usher for more information. We encourage children of all ages to be present and participate in worship.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** | Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use the Secure Giving App, or Saint Mark's assigned number for text donations is 844-703-1444 and the keyword is 'operating'. To give via text, text the word 'operating', a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text 844-703-1444 operating 25. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

**PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE** | We have a shuttle service that runs between the AT&T parking deck (located at 759 West Peachtree Street) and church on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30am. Don't forget to bring your parking ticket to church with you for validation (see the usher for assistance).

**PRAYER REQUESTS** | Let us pray for you. Prayer request cards are located in the pews. Please return your request to the offering plate or the prayer boxes in the Narthex.

**FOOD & BEVERAGES** | Please no food or open containers in the Sanctuary.

**HYMNALS** | We sing from 2 hymnals, including the red *United Methodist Hymnal* located in the pew racks and the black *The Faith We Sing*, located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals and Bibles are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

**HEARING & VISUAL AIDS** | Enhanced listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

**RESTROOMS** | Men's & Women's restrooms are located just outside the chapel. As you exit the sanctuary turn left. Once you reach the chapel, turn left then immediately right. The Women's restroom is the third door on the left. For the men's restroom, pass the Women's restroom and the Men's restroom is just around the corner. Gender Neutral restrooms are available downstairs. As you leave the sanctuary turn left, take the set of stairs down just before the balcony stairs on the left. The restrooms are on the first landing. Please see an usher for assistance.

## MILK MONEY

During the season of Lent, many Christians reverently engage in practices that anchor them deeper in their faith. Some choose to let go of certain habits they do throughout the year, so they can take on others that enrich their lives more fully. Some persons have let go of drinking coffee or eating pastries, some have let go of going to the movies or shopping online for nonessential items, and they give the funds they would have used for coffee, sweets, movies, or nonessential items to missions or another ministry that positively impacts the lives of others.

For Lent 2023, I am inviting Saint Mark to participate in this Lenten exercise. We invite you to let go of a habit you would have done regularly throughout the week, and for each time you would have engaged in that habit make a donation equivalent to what it would have cost you. For example, if you would have purchased a latte/mocha cappuccino in the morning, let go of the ingrained habit. Instead, commit the amount you would have paid for it to mission/ministry. The same if you would have gone to the movies, or eating sweets.

There are cartons labeled “Milk Money” that will be distributed during worship February 26 and March 5, in which you can put the funds you would have used. If you are like me and rarely use cash, you can make a note of the amount you would have spent, and put it in the carton, so you can tally the amount in full later and submit the funds. You can even give online, labeling your gift as “milk money.” We will be collecting the cartons in worship Easter morning. We will pray over them and give them directly to the designated areas of mission.

I will be doing mine. I hope you will join in and do yours, also.

*Pastor Carolyn*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

To learn more about upcoming events, to subscribe to our weekly newsletter (the Remarks), see the church calendar, or give, visit [stmarkumc.org](http://stmarkumc.org).

## **BLACK HERSTORY FOCUS | PAULI MURRAY DOCUMENTARY**

Book signing immediately following this service in Wade Hall.

## **CELEBRATING REV. DR. JOSH NOBLITT**

Sunday, March 5th, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Rev. Josh's ministry at Saint Mark. It will be his last Sunday with us, and he will be preaching at both the 9 am and 11 am services. There will be a reception for him in Wade Hall from 9:45-10:45 am.

## **WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT**

Service *at Noon with* Rev. Steve Fazenbaker  
Music *on the front steps beginning at* 11:30 am

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023**

Spring Forward | One Service at 11 am  
Sunday School Classes will still meet prior to the 11 am service.  
Prayer Walk at 11:35 am

Preaching:	Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists:	Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults Kenny Smallhorn, Candler School of Theology Intern Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation Meagan Williams, Assistant Director of Young Adult Ministry
Music:	Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Audio Visual:	Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, Eric Steverson, & Belva White (Facebook)
Acolyte/Crucifer:	Gary & Gabbi Washington
Ushers:	Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, & Buddy Wofford



# JOURNEY

*with Jesus*



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## 2023 Lenten Season

### Wednesdays During Lent

- ◆ Service *at Noon with Rev. Steve Fazenbaker*
- ◆ Music *on the front steps beginning at 11:30 am*

### Sunday, February 29, 2023

- ◆ Learning about Grace
- ◆ Rev. Carolyn Stephens, preaching
- ◆ Pick up your Milk Money container

### Sunday, March 5, 2023

- ◆ Learning about Compassion
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Joshua Noblitt, preaching
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Josh's last Sunday *at Saint Mark*
- ◆ Churchwide Reception 9:45 am | Wade Hall
- ◆ Pick up your Milk Money container

### Sunday, March 12, 2023

- ◆ Learning about Priority
- ◆ Rev. Jess Cusick, preaching
- ◆ Spring Forward | One Service *at 11 am*
- ◆ Prayer Walk *at 11:35 am*

### Sunday, March 19, 2023

- ◆ Learning about Gratitude
- ◆ Rev. Carolyn Stephens, preaching

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

- ◆ Learning about Mercy
- ◆ Rev. Carolyn Stephens, preaching

## HOLY WEEK

### Sunday, April 2, 2023

#### Palm (Passion) Sunday

- ◆ Choir Concert *at 11 am*

### Thursday, April 6, 2023

#### Holy (Maundy) Thursday

- ◆ Service *at 7 pm*

### Friday, April 7, 2023

#### Good Friday

- ◆ Service *at 7 pm*
- ◆ Ecumenical Midtown Stations of the Cross begins *at 1:30 pm*

### Saturday, April 8, 2023

- ◆ Community Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza
  - ◆ Bouncy House, Bubbles,
  - ◆ Face Painting,
  - ◆ Balloon Animals, and more...

### Sunday, April 9, 2023

#### Easter Sunday

- ◆ Sunrise Worship Service *at 7 am (Front Steps)*
- ◆ Worship Services *at 9 am and 11 am with Choir and Brass*
- ◆ Easter Sunday Brunch *after the 11 am service*
- ◆ Welcome next Class of New Members
- ◆ Return *your Milk Money container*

