



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

NINE O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 9:00 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!*

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO. 269 v. 1, 4, & 5 | *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

MORNING PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT

Frank Wrenn
Chair of Missions and Outreach

*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 | CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH No. 378 v. 1, 2, & 6 | *Amazing Grace*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS | To learn more about upcoming events, to subscribe to our weekly newsletter (the Remarks), see the church calendar, or give, visit stmarkumc.org.

TITHES & OFFERINGS | Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary as you leave following 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, share the good news of God's love to our neighbors 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).

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.

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 9am and 11am services. There will be a reception for him in Wade Hall from 9:45-10:45am.

Preaching:	Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists:	Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Music:	Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist Madeline Pascavage, Cantor Hymn Leader
Communion Steward:	JW Mozley
Audio Visual:	Johnny Sims & Eric Steverson
Usher Team:	Greg Brown, Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Scott Lee, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton & Sybil Smith

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*

