



# SAINT MARK

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 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

*Kyrie, God the Son*

J. S. Bach

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Minister: What shall we offer to the Lord for all God has done for us?

**People: We will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO.617 | I COME WITH JOY

### THE INVITATION

Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Most compassionate God, when we wander away from you love, chasing after life's fleeting dreams, you pursue us with your unrelenting love. When we resist your grace, you patiently wait on us, offering us the opportunity time and time, again, to turn to you. When we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves, you show us through your Son, Jesus Christ, how much you love not only us, but also the entire world. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have forsaken your laws, and have sinned against you. Create in us a clean heart. Put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen**

Minister: God's glory is to always have mercy. God is gracious to all who have gone astray, and will bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith into the Divine's love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

\*KYRIE

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER

ANTHEM

*Greater Love Hath No Man*

John Ireland  
*Deb Koontz & Ronnie Vaughn, Soloists*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, holy, as acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH NO. 95 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 10:25-37*

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Solo

*How We Love*

Beth Nielsen Chapman  
*Jon Easter, Soloist*

SERMON

*Journeying with Jesus: Learning about Compassion*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH P.17 | MUSICAL SETTING A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You are the Deliverer, who led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them into that which you have promised. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may journey through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come with all your saints. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus: (Sung)**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He was put to death for our sins and raised for our justification. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen (Sung)**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### 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.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

(hum) \_\_\_\_\_ We a-dore you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### \*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH NO. 548 | *In Christ There Is No East or West*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Kyrie, God the Holy Ghost*

J. S. Bach

## 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 pew or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

**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.

**COMMUNION OFFERING INFORMATION** | Today's Communion offering will benefit UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is a program under the General Board of Global Ministries that acts when disaster strikes around the globe, quickly moving towards the most vulnerable in their time of need. Please give generously so that we, along with our United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation. 100% of that which is given goes directly to those in need.

**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).

**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.

**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.

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

## 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).

### **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

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Our next set of new member classes have been scheduled for March 13, 20, & 27 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The classes will be held via ZOOM. For more information and to get signed up, please contact the Robert Gilleo in the church office at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org).

### **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday, April 8, 2023 | 10 am - Noon**

Mark your calendars for our Community Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt, Bouncy House, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Bubbles & more!

Preaching:	Rev. Dr. Josh Noblitt, Minister of Community Engagement
Liturgists:	Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation
Communion Steward:	JW Mozley
Music:	Jon Easter, Minister of Fine Arts and Organist & Soloist Deb Koontz & Ronnie Vaughn, Soloists
Audio Visual:	Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, Eric Steverson, & Belva White (Facebook)
Acolyte/Crucifer:	Amy & Izzy Herbert
Ushers:	Keith Adams, Joel Black, Bob Brown, & Deana Hilton

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