

SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 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

Toccatina on AZMON

Alfred V. Fedak

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The work of the Lord is guided by love and justice.

People: Oh God, have mercy on us.

Minister: Your mercy and grace fill our hearts with gratitude.

All: We are thankful and proclaim the power of our Lord.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PRAISE *See Insert – Hymn 610*

v. 1,2,3,5 | *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

All **Almighty God, we recognize your ability to care for our world. You offer comfort, hope, and peace when we set our eyes towards you. In these moments that you offer your healing, we confess that we often miss the opportunity to practice gratitude. You have shown us mercy even in our most unworthy moments. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us to express our gratitude for the works of mercy that we encounter in the world.**

Minister: Hear the Good News: God has transformed our hearts through Christ, that our lives may demonstrate our gratitude. 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

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing. Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord, the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die.

Praise Him, O praise Him all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give. Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He see His dear children through mercy filled eyes.

*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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 23*

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.92 v. 1,3,4,5 | *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 17:11-19*

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Journeying with Jesus: Learning about Gratitude

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. 138 v. 1,2,3,4,6 | *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude

Adolf Hesse

Preaching: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists: Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Retired Elder, North Georgia Annual Conference
Greg Washington, Lay Member
Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation
Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Audio Visual: Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, & Eric Steverson
Acolyte/Crucifer: Amy & Izzy Herbert
Ushers: Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, & Buddy Wofford

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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.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 8, 2023 | Noon – 2:00 PM (note new time)

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!

Donations Needed: Treats Individually Wrapped Candies (non-chocolate treats)

To donate, have the candy sent directly to the church or drop off the candy during church office hours or on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. We need to have the candy no later than Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Volunteers Needed

- Day of the event set-up and break-down
- Helpers & Greeters during the event
- Balloon Animal Artist
- Popcorn Machine Worker

To volunteer, contact Sheila Stephens at SStephens@stmarkumc.org.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

11:30 am Music *on the* front steps

Noon Midday Service | Sanctuary

5:00 pm "Celebration of Discipline" Book Study | Room 111

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper | Wade Hall

6:30 pm Vespers | Room 209

6:30 pm "Jesus and the Disinherited" Book Study | Room 205

6:45 pm Handbells Choir Rehearsal | 3rd Floor Education Building

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 3rd Floor Education Building

EASTER LILIES

Lilies are symbols of the resurrection, we use them to fill our sanctuary during Easter.

If you would like to reserve a lily in memory or in honor of someone, please go to:

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/order-lilies>. The lily donations will be listed in the Easter bulletin. The cost is \$10 a lily.

SAINT MARK ONLINE

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm (Passion) Sunday

- Choir Concert at 11 am

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

- No Wednesday Night Supper

Thursday, April 6, 2023 Holy (Maundy) Thursday

- Service at 7 pm

Friday, April 7, 2023 Good Friday

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


Saturday, April 8, 2023

- Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza 12 - 2 pm


Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 7 am
- Service with Choir and Brass at 9 am & 11 am
- Easter Sunday Brunch after 11 am service


O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH



Chef Dale's Easter Menu

Caramelized Apple Wood Bacon | Deviled Eggs
Assorted Breads | Assorted Fresh Fruit | Caesar Salad
Spinach Salad with Feta Cheese, Dried Cranberries and Candied Pecans

Honey Glazed Ham Fresh Wild Caught Gulf Shrimp Quiche Lorraine

Carrot Souffle | French Green Beans with Mushrooms
Pan Seared Asparagus | Baked Brussels Sprouts with Bacon

Carrot Cake | Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie

Iced Tea | Coffee | Water

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 | After 11 am Service
\$20 per adult | \$10 per child under 12

Purchase tickets here: <https://www.stmarkumc.org/store/p/easter-sunday-brunch>

Reservations Required | Reservations close Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5 PM