



# SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

## EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

THE NINTH OF APRIL TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER: SERVICE AT SUNRISE

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Dear Saint Mark Family and Friends,

“Journeying with Jesus.” This was our theme throughout the season of Lent, and our journey with Him brings us to this joyous Easter Day. Throughout those forty days we walked alongside Him, learning about grace, compassion, priority, gratitude, mercy, and courage. Many of us engaged in different spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, studying Scripture, meditation, and service. The journey was not always easy, for it required us to give of ourselves, to move out of our comfort zones, and to trust even when we could not see. From the responses and testimonies that have been shared, it has led us, however, to our better selves, and to an awareness of the presence of God, within, and all around us.

Every year, the season of Lent offers us the opportunity to participate in something bigger than ourselves, and this year one of the other ways we did that was through our “Milk Money” giving. The challenge was to let go of a habit we would have done regularly, and for each time we would have engaged in that habit to donate the equivalent to what it would have cost to one of the outreach missions we do. In the end we would bring our “Milk Money” cartons back to worship today, and put them at the altar. This year’s offering will go directly to:

- Breakfast
- Supper Club
- Midtown Neighborhood Outreach

Imagine your gift helping to provide a meal every Saturday and Wednesday to our neighbors who are unhoused and food insecure. Imagine your gift creating opportunities to engage our neighbors, and to offer them opportunities to connect with us and with each other through Easter Egg Hunts and Blessings of the Animals, music on our terrace, and so much more.

Please join us and give generously toward our Lenten offering today. If each of us gives \$60 (\$1.50/day for the 40 days of Lent), we will certainly make a tremendous impact on these ministries.

If you did not receive a “Milk Money” carton, you can still give, online at [stmarkumc.org](http://stmarkumc.org), or through the church’s app, or write a check labeled “Milk Money,” and put it in the offering plate.

Thank you for your generous support. Your generosity will transform the lives of those we serve and of our neighbors.

A Blessed and Transformative Easter!  
Pastor Carolyn.

# EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 | 7:00 AM

THE GATHERING ON THE FRONT STEPS IN DARKNESS AND SILENCE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE GREETING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Grace and peace to you from our risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.  
My siblings in Christ: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to watch and pray. This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 24:1-12*

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran

to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Minister: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our light!

*All share the Light of Christ.*

#### THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Minister: Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed.**

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The procession follows the pascal candle into the sanctuary.*

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO.302 | *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol-lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739  
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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\*RESPONSE

**All: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our king. Christ has conquered. Glory fills you. Darkness vanishes forever.**

*Please extinguish your candles.*

PRAYER

MEDITATION

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH NO.304 | *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

## Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in  
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;  
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to  
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

WORDS: William M. James, 1979  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE  
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During the season of Lent, Pastor Carolyn invited us to let go of a habit we would have done regularly throughout the week, and for each time we would have engaged in that habit donate equivalent to what it would have cost us. We invite you to bring your cartons or donations now to the Altar rail.

We will pray over them and give them directly to the designated areas of mission.

\*PRAYER

\*THE BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

## 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.

**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.

**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 & ADA restrooms are available. 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).



# 2023 Easter Lilies



## Given by

Bill Cox  
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Bruce Erwin  
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Buddy Wofford  
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Carolyn Bibb & Susan Yandel  
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Chris & Paula Ward  
David Hazen  
Donna Rosenmayer  
Eric Steverson  
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Greg Brown  
Jerry Becker  
Jerry Becker  
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Joel Fechter  
John Klein  
John Seeling  
Joyce Norman  
Katie Long  
Kim & Paul Winslow  
Kristen Settlemire  
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Lee-Barber Family  
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Pastor Carolyn Stephens  
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## In Memory of

Jimmy Bodker  
Ned & Charlotte Cox  
Aud and Verna Erwin  
Jerry Erwin  
Sandra Ragan Erwin  
Steed and Irene Ragan  
Christina Wofford  
Clifton Wofford  
Nicholas Wofford  
Ann Bibb  
David Yandel  
William Bibb  
Bob Ward and Jeanette Haggard  
My Mother, Carol Hazen  
Jean and Don Davis  
Dr. Darren Shoyer  
Wade Steverson  
Bob & May Brown  
Jeffrey Brown  
Lois King and Diane Hawkins  
Louis and Alice Becker and Janis Hawkins  
Carol Fechter  
Walter William & Sylvia Cecilia Klein  
Rosalie and Herbert Seeling  
The best husband ever Eric S Norman  
Deborah June Long  
Paul's mother Ruth Winslow  
Chloe Settlemire  
J.B. and Beverly Hembree  
Frank & Gail Barber  
Ophery & Hazel Lee  
Christopher Fletcher  
Eric Norman  
Floyd Barnett

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Phil Crumbly  
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Robert Boulet  
Robert Gilleo  
Robert L. Manning  
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Robert L. Manning  
Roger Brown  
Scott Dixon  
Scott Dixon  
Scott Dixon  
Scott Dixon  
Scott Dixon  
Sheila Stephens  
Sheila Stephens  
Sheila Stephens  
Tommy Barron  
Tommy Barron  
Yin Xu & Brian Moore  
Yin Xu & Brian Moore  
Yin Xu-Moore  
Yin Xu-Moore  
Yin Xu-Moore  
Yin Xu-Moore  
Zeb Lau

## In Memory of

PJ Walker  
Raymond Rowe  
Santiba Clark  
Saundra Kelley  
Woody Donaldson  
Mark Crouch  
Eddie Crumbly, Sr. & Eddie Crumbly, Jr.  
Mary Woelper  
James and Tessie Boulet  
My parents, Jim & Teresa A. Gilleo  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Manning, Jr.  
Mr. Floyd Barnett  
Mrs. Linda V. Manning  
Ms. Kelly Brown  
My daughter, Kelly  
Dr. Richard Adicks and Jennifer Adicks Harnage  
Lorenzo F. Gonzalez, Sr.  
Mark S. Dixon  
Mr. and Mrs. Denver Hawthorne  
Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dixon  
Cleveland and Mattie Chandler  
Jaison Matthew Chandler Hollis  
Theresa Chandler Walton  
Rob Terrell  
Sandra Kelly  
Anne Moore  
Donald & Kay Moore  
Dr. Leigh E. Conver  
Dr. Wayne E. Oates  
Jifa Xu  
Yuanrui Tong  
My parents, Rev Ding & Lilyc Lau

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Betty McDow  
Bill Cox  
Bill Top  
Calvin Johnson  
Carissa Evans  
Chris and Paula Ward  
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Eric Steverson  
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Greg Brown  
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Robert L. Manning  
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Robert L. Manning  
Roger Brown  
Roger Brown

## In Honor of

All those of you who have been dear to me for years. May Resurrection Sunday be a day of renewal for you.  
Joel Black  
Rev. Dr. Josh Noblitt  
Barbara Johnson  
Lillian L Evans  
Diana Ward  
Pam Buzbee and the SMUMC Cobb County at Home Group  
Georgia Gonzalez  
Johnny Sims  
Penelope McCalley  
Robert Gilleo  
Sandra Steverson  
9 AM Usher Team  
Jane Douglas  
John Woody & Jason Lowery  
Sybil Smith  
Kim's mother, Lyn Reed  
The Administrative Board Members  
All of our Volunteers who support the ministries of Saint Mark  
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Ronnie Vaughn  
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Rev. Carolyn Stephens & Anthony Drummer  
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Mr. Roger Brown  
Ms. Deana Hilton  
Jeff Bradley & David Boswell  
Saint Mark Staff

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Ronnie Vaughn  
Sherrie Graham  
Sherrie Graham  
Zeb Lau & Scott Van Derbeck

## In Honor of

Phil Crumbly  
Larry Graham  
Megan Kramer  
Bruce & Mitize Van Derbeck

You may collect your Easter lily after the service.



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Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual  
Formation  
Meagan Williams, Assistant Director of Young Adult  
Ministry  
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Formation  
Usher Team: Joel Black

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