



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Third Sunday of Easter



Morning Worship

*You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

John Brock

*The Call to Worship

One: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

All: The One who calls us,

One: The One who equips us,

All: The One who loves us without end.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 159 | Lift High the Cross

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

All: Even when we turned away from the One who had created us. Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God. Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing but our own desires. Even when we wandered far and willfully away. Even then, we are alive together with Christ and by grace we are saved. Holy God, we confess that at times we fall short. We live by the course of this world and not by the knowledge of your creation. We ask for your help, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

One: Hear the good news: God's love for us is great and God's mercy is rich! By grace we are saved and made alive in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

We offer each other signs of peace.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Anthem

O Love, How Deep

Thomas Keesecker

Text found on Hymn 267

*Doxology

UMH No. 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24: 13-32

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Message for the Younger Church

All children are invited to come up to the chancel area.

*Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 121 | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2: 1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Conversations of the Heart: Knowing Your Purpose

Response to God's 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.

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Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 292 | What Wondrous Love Is This

*Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in E-Flat

J. S. Bach

We Invite You

Want to stay updated on the Saint Mark Community?

Visit www.stmarkumc.org and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.

We Welcome You

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.

Saint Mark Welcome Statement

As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Announcements & Special Events

We're ready to celebrate our graduates! If you are or have a child graduating from High School, College, or Graduate School please email Jess Cusick (jcusick@stmarkumc.org) so we can be sure to include them in our celebration of graduates on May 7, 2023.

Church Council will meet today at 12:30 PM in Room 111. A light lunch will be served at 12:15 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Outreach Closet Donations

We have limited space in our outreach closet but we are always looking for donations. If you would like to donate to the Outreach Closet, we need the following items as requested by our guests at the Breakfast and Supper Clubs.

- T-Shirts: Large to 2X
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirts: Large to 2X
- Tennis Shoes: Men's size 10-13.5
- Men's jeans or casual pants: Size 33 and up
- Backpacks
- Toiletries travel size:
Deodorant, lotions, lip balm, sun screen, wet wipes, & toothpaste

We have a donation center just off the Narthex or you may bring your donations to the church office Monday - Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Retired Elder, North Georgia Annual
Conference

Liturgists: 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, & Julie Tootle

Acolytes: Mary Murray & Wesley Porter

Ushers: Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russel McKinney, & Buddy
Wofford, Head Usher

Greeters: Roger Brown & Deana Hilton

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