

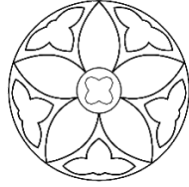
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, June 4, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Trinity | Peace with Justice Sunday
Holy Communion



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

Antiphon #3

Marcel Dupre

*The Call to Worship

One: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

All: God, whose glory is above the heavens.

One: God, who has set all creation into motion.

All: Let us worship God!

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 64 | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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.

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

One: We come before God today in need of divine grace. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to judge and concern ourselves with the trespasses of others. Remind us of the abundance of your grace, which stretches over a multitude of sins. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to life of increased grace and peace.

One: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us so that we might be justified through him. Therefore, we have new life in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*Kyrie

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

*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

Proclamation of God's Word

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

*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.

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:12-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Made Alive Through Jesus Christ

Response to God's Word

Celebration of Holy Communion

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One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Loving God. You have invited us time and time again to do what is good and right in your sight: to live the way that you intended us to live, in a community of peace and wholeness. You have given us every opportunity to return to you and embrace your vision. We witness to you now, joining our voices together and remembering your reign of peace and love and justice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. When we rejected your version of the peaceable Kingdom, instead following our own wants and desires you sent us Jesus Christ, who modeled for us through his actions and words a new path of justice and peace. As we share in this holy meal, remembering how on the night he gave himself for us in love he took bread, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said "Eat this and remember me." After the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink this and remember me." So today, we gather together around the bread and the cup and remember the acts of power and loving-kindness expressed through our Lord, Jesus Christ as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: (Sung) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup. May they strengthen us to do what you require: to walk humbly with you, to love others, and to seek justice in the face of oppression, so we might be your people, proclaiming to others your Kingdom. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: (Sung) Amen, Amen, Amen.

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

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. 378 v. 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6 | Amazing Grace

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E-Flat (St. Anne)

J. S. Bach

Organists all over play this Fugue on Trinity Sunday due to the many ways that Bach incorporates with '3' into the piece: there are 3 main sections; 2 of them have time signatures in 3; and the key of E-flat has 3 flats in it. The St. Anne title, refers to the opening fugue subject which is the same as the opening phrase of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." While the other 2 sections have their own fugue subjects, Bach's genius is able to add the original "St. Anne" fugue subject on top of them both.

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Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Tabitha Jamal, Emory University, Candler School of Theology Intern

Meagan Williams, Assistant to the Director of Youth & Young Adult Minister

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

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Ushers: Joel Black, Bob Brown, Deana Hilton, and Yin Xu-Moore

Greeters: Roger Brown & David Wilson

Today's Communion Offering

Today's Communion Offering will benefit Peace with Justice. Today Saint Mark is observing Peace with Justice Sunday, one of six church-wide special Sundays with offerings of the United Methodist Church. Peace with Justice Sunday enables the church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice, both locally and globally. 50% of the funds are offered to local churches within the North Georgia Conference to use for their justice (systemic change) projects, and 50% support the peace with justice programs of the General Board of Church and Society.

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.

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.

Our Prayer List

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/prayer-ministry>

Announcements & Special Events



Please consider donating time at vacation homes, gift certificates, high quality merchandise or services. If you are an individual member who cannot think of something to donate, please consider calling your family, friends, or a favorite restaurant to see

if they would be willing to donate an item to our Silent Auction or if you have a poster, vinyl album or any merchandise signed/autographed by a celebrity, perhaps you might be willing to donate that.

We will gladly pick up your donation, or it can be dropped at Saint Mark's business office during regular church office hours. You can also drop off it at Saint Mark during services on Sunday. **Our last day to receive silent auction items is TODAY.**