



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, June 11, 2023
Nine O'clock

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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!

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 368 v. 1 & 3 | My Hope Is Built

*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.

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.

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 3:21-28

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Justified by Faith

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 261 | Lord of the Dance

*Benediction

Postlude

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.

Announcements & Special Events

Church Council Meeting

Today at 12:30 PM | Room 111

Pride 2023 Online Auction NOW OPEN!

The Saint Mark Pride Committee like to take this opportunity to announce that the Saint Mark Online Auction is NOW OPEN. The auction will end at 9:00 PM EST on **Saturday, June 24, 2023**.

Our online auction is raising money to support our LGBTQ+ Pride events at Saint Mark. All auction proceeds will go directly to support our LGBTQ+ Pride programs.

Saint Mark United Methodist Church of Atlanta | Online Auction Site
<https://smumc.travelpledgeauctions.com/event/1778>

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Retired Elder, North Georgia Annual Conference

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

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Madeline Pascavage, Cantor | Hymn Leader

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

Usher Team: Greg Brown (Head Usher), Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Scott Lee, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton & Sybil Smith

Greeter: Craig Pigg

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Juneteenth is an American holiday commemorating June 19, 1865, the day the last enslaved African Americans held in Confederate states were freed.

Although President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, its immediate impact was relatively small because Confederate slave owners weren't forced to obey Union authority. Thus, millions of African Americans continued to live as enslaved people until Union armies made their way across the South to enforce Lincoln's order.

Approximately two-and-a-half years later on June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, took possession of the state, and read General Order #3, announcing that all enslaved African Americans in the state of Texas were free. Six months later, the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment made slavery illegal throughout the entire United States.

According to some historians, the formerly enslaved crowd in Galveston selected a young girl to announce a freedom celebration. People in the crowd thought her words "We Free, June 19th, We Free!" sounded like she was saying "We Free, Juneteenth," and with the crowd repeating "We Free, Juneteenth, We Free!," "Juneteenth" became the official title of the celebration.

This holiday was first celebrated in Texas with political rallies that featured voting rights and voter education, music, pageants, parades, and outdoor games. During early celebrations, formerly enslaved people discarded their old clothing and replaced it with newer styles, in remembrance of laws prohibiting African Americans from wearing finer clothing that challenged the status of their oppressors. Dressing well on the holiday is a custom still practiced today. Other traditions have included dramatic readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, renditions of the African American national anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and interpretations of the writings of African Americans. The heart of the Juneteenth celebration today is the reading of General Order #3 by a community elder.

Renewed interest in Juneteenth rose when Rev. Ralph Abernathy aligned the celebration with the Poor People's Campaign of 1968. The Campaign's Solidarity Day took place on Juneteenth. Many civil rights workers in Washington, D.C. that day-initiated Juneteenth celebrations in their own communities.

Over the past four decades, in the commemoration of Juneteenth has continued to grow. On February 16, 2011, Georgia became the thirty-seventh state to recognize Juneteenth with the passage of S.R. 164. Juneteenth finally became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021 nearly 160 years after the first celebration in Galveston, Texas.

We at Saint Mark join our African American siblings in celebration of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday in recognition of the release of their ancestors from the bonds of slavery and of the ongoing battle for equality in the United States.

What can you do to celebrate Juneteenth?

1. Join the Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festival in Centennial Olympic Park.
June 16-18, 2023
 - FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1:00pm — 10:00pm
 - SATURDAY, June 17, 10:00 am — 11:00pm
 - SUNDAY, June 18, 10:00 am — 8:00pm
2. Join the Juneteenth Atlanta Black History Parade/March/Rally:
Saturday, June 17, 2023 starting at 12 PM.
3. Join Noey and Sheri Barrera-Disler at the Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom Concert in East Point: Saturday, June 17 5 PM to 9 PM. Free tickets required.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-point-welcomes-atl-naacp-free-juneteenth-concert-2023-tickets-621245350567>
4. Invite your friends to join you at these celebrations.
5. Tell the story of Juneteenth to your children.
6. Talk with an African American friend about what Juneteenth means to him/her/them.
7. Remind your friends to recognize this holiday. If they don't know about it, tell them.
8. Learn more about Juneteenth at:
<http://www.juneteenthatl.com/about.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mH0zi-hLVU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJKzdksoDNY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FW3bqPeyet0>