

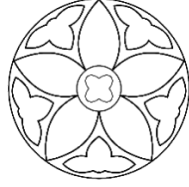
# **SAINT MARK**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**  
**Eleven O'clock**

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day



# 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

**Adagio from Symphony #3**

**Louis Vierne**

### \*The Call to Worship

One: Gather us in, Mysterious Maker God.

**All: That being close to you we will understand your intention for creation.**

One: Weave us into one, Sweet Savior of All.

**All: That living your ways we will create communities of faith and peace.**

One: Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal.

**All: That treasuring the past we will boldly shape the future.**

One: Weave us into one, Holy One in Three.

**All: That we together may be the signs of your presence, the weavers of your communities and the witnesses to your coming. Gather us in this day so that we might gather strength from You. Amen.**

## Praise and Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn of Praise

**TFWS No. 2236 | Gather Us In**

\*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

One: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

**All: We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We love with condition. We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.**

One: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in 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

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**Jane Holstein**

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Jesus, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

\*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 Gospel Lesson

**Matthew 9:35-10:8**

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

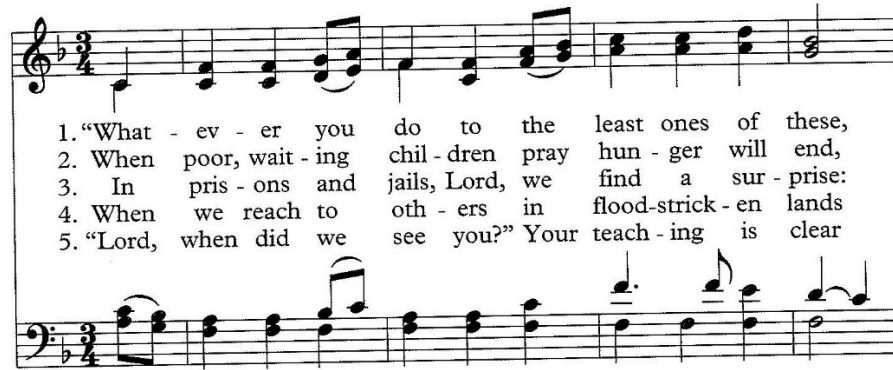
Ministry Moment

Eric Steverson

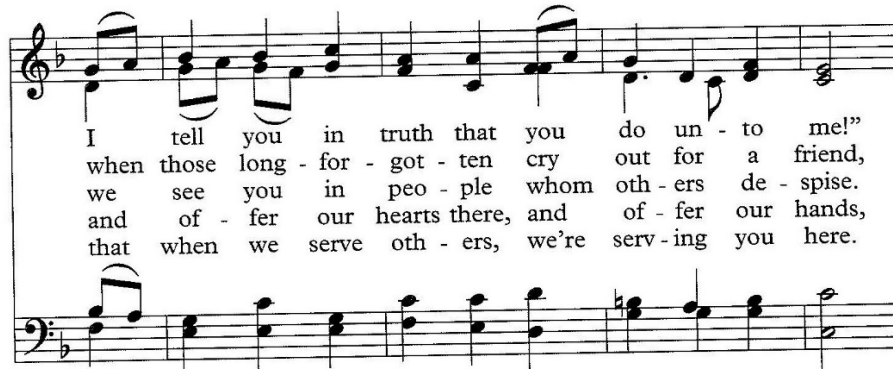
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\*Hymn of Preparation

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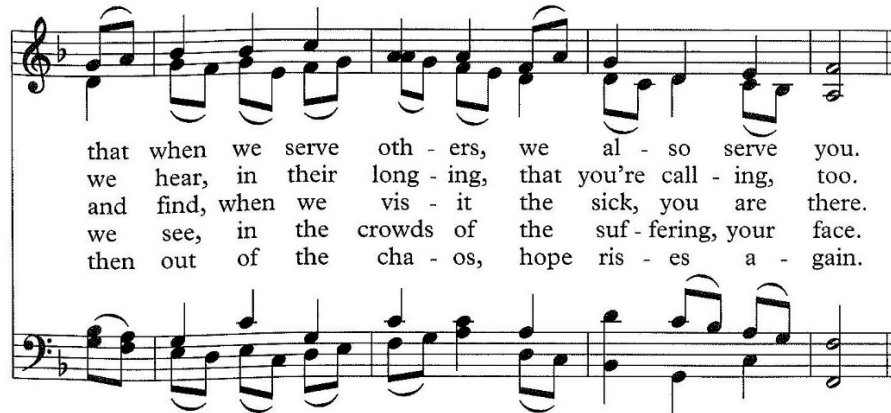
1. "What - ev - er you do to the least ones of these,  
 2. When poor, wait - ing chil - dren pray hun - ger will end,  
 3. In pris - ons and jails, Lord, we find a sur - prise:  
 4. When we reach to oth - ers in flood-strick - en lands  
 5. "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teach - ing is clear



I tell you in truth that you do un - to me!"  
 when those long - for - got - ten cry out for a friend,  
 we see you in peo - ple whom oth - ers de - spise,  
 and of - fer our hearts there, and of - fer our hands,  
 that when we serve oth - ers, we're serv - ing you here.



Lord Je - sus, you taught us! May we learn a - new  
 when thirst - y ones whis - per, "O Lord, where are you?"  
 At hos - pi - tal bed - sides we of - fer a prayer  
 we no - tice, Lord Je - sus, the gift of your grace;  
 And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,



that when we serve oth - ers, we al - so serve you.  
 we hear, in their long - ing, that you're call - ing, too.  
 and find, when we vis - it the sick, you are there.  
 we see, in the crowds of the suf - fering, your face.  
 then out of the cha - os, hope ris - es a - gain.

## The Scripture Lesson

**James 2:14-25**

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

**Faith-producing Actions**

## 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. 400 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

\*Benediction

Postlude

**Gloria**

**Marcel Dupre**

## **Worship Team**

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

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

Tabitha Jamal, Candler School of Theology Summer Intern

Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Meagan Williams, Assistant to the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

**Music:** Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

**Audio Visual:** Johnny Sims, Coordinator of Online Ministry, Jay Drew, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle

**Ushers:** Joel Black, Bob Brown, Deana Hilton, Buddy Wofford, Head Usher

**Greeters:** Andy Davis and David Wilson

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## **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.

### **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>

## **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.

### **We Invite you to stay updated on the Saint Mark community.**

Visit [www.stmarkumc.org](http://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.

## **Announcements & Special Events**

### **Churchwide Fellowship Gathering**

- Next Sunday, June 25, 2023 after Second Service.

### **North Wall Renovation Project**

- Begins tomorrow, June 19, 2023
- For more information: <https://youtu.be/W9YOhyq7D5o>

### **Church Offices Closed**

- Tomorrow, June 19, 2023 in honor of Juneteenth.
- Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in honor of 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **One Service**

- Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 10 AM