

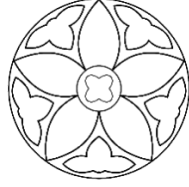
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, July 2, 2023
Ten O'clock

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday



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

*The Call to Worship

One: Christ calls us to a life of humble service
As the Bread of Life and the Cup of our Salvation
He offers himself to us daily, inviting us to feast on Him.

**All: We come this day to partake of what Christ offers to us.
We come with expectancy to taste of his goodness.
We come to receive from him, so we can go and give to others.**

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 577 | God of Grace and God of Glory

The Invitation

Christ our Lord 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

All: God who took on the form of a servant and cared for the sick, the poor, and the needy, you have instructed us to follow your example of servanthood. You tell us that those who are great in your kingdom are the ones who are humble, and those of authority are the ones who serve. Forgive us for not taking your instruction to heart, shunning the role of servants, and focusing more on ourselves than on serving others.

One: Hear the good news: Christ came into the world not to condemn us, but to save us and orient us to the way of the Kingdom. Let us accept his salvation and follow his example. 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.

Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Proclamation of God's Word

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Anthem
Day by Day

Martin How

*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

Luke 22:14-27

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

God in the Movies: The Lion King | Servant Leader

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, God (Father) Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

All: 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. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: 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 wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God (Father), now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Lord's Prayer

One: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

All: 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. 618 | Let Us Break Bread Together

*Benediction

Postlude

We Welcome You

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!



Your 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.

Your 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.

Today's Communion Offering benefits the Midtown Assistance Center.

In 1986, Saint Mark and four other Midtown congregations came together with the Midtown Alliance to combine their outreach efforts. Knowing that combining their resources would enable them to offer better service to more people, these congregations created the Midtown Assistance Center, a federally recognized, non-profit organization, qualifying under 501(c)(3) regulations. Midtown Assistance Center opened with the mission of helping to sustain the working poor through a temporary financial crisis by helping with rent, utilities, food, work shoes, tools, and public transportation.

Today, the Midtown Assistance Center is in the heart of Midtown at 613 Spring Street and has the support of eleven congregations as well as the Midtown Alliance, many businesses, foundations, individuals, government entities, and volunteers. Members of its board of directors represent a cross section of the community.

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

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

Tabitha Jamal, Candler School of Theology Summer Intern

Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

Madeline Pascavage, Cantor | Hymn Leader

V. Lee Edwards, Guest Organist

Phil Crumbly, Guest Pianist and Conductor

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

Usher Team: Joel Black, Bob Brown, Deana Hilton, and Buddy Wofford (Head Usher)

Greeter: Greg Brown, Roger Brown, and David Wilson

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New Member Class

The next new membership class will be via Zoom and will start on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM. The class will run for 4 weeks. New Member Sunday will be Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Reach out to Robert Gilleo at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org for the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Summer Choir

Summer at Saint Mark is a great time to give the choir a try. There are no mid-week rehearsals to attend, no robes to wear and no commitment!

NO CHOIR on the 9th. Normal 10:30 rehearsal for the 11:00 service on July 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Hope to see you there!

BBQ



& BACKPACKS



JULY 23 | 12:20-2



SAINT MARK
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Free Food & Entertainment on the front lawn in exchange for school supply donations as your admission.
Open to the Community!

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Upcoming Events at Saint Mark

July 2023

Sunday, July 9

9 AM Service returns to the Chapel

Sunday, July 23

BBQ & Backpacks on the Front Lawn

After Second Service

August 2023

Sunday, August 6

Baby Shower for Rev. Jess and Lauren

After Second Service

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Grooving in Midtown Community Concert
In Partnership with Redeemer & Midtown Alliance

Sunday, August 20

Celebrate the Ministry of Sheila Stephens
Church Council

Between Services
After Second Service

Sunday, August 27

Church Picnic

After Second Service

September 2023

Sunday, September 3

Labor Day Sunday

One Service | 10 AM

Sunday, September 17

Rededication of the Chapel

Between Services

October 2023

Sunday, October 1

Blessing of the Animals

Front Steps| 4PM

Tuesday, October 10 – Thursday, October 19

Holy Land Journey Trip with Pastor Carolyn

Sunday, October 15

Pride Sunday at Saint Mark

One Service | 10 AM

Tuesday, October 31

Trunk or Treat

November 2023

Later in November

Family Movie Night