

SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, July 23, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Eighth 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!

Prelude

Prelude on "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Philip Moore

*The Call to Worship

One: Lord we come this morning with knowledge of your love and truth.

All: We come knowing that You have engraved us on the palm of your hand.

One: You keep us as the apple of your eye

All: You hide us under the shadow of your wings

One: We are made and sustained by your love, and everyone has a place in your love. May we know this at all times as we praise and worship you.

Praise and Thanksgiving

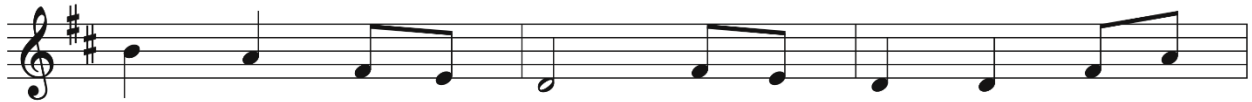
*Hymn of Praise

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1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who



lib - er - at - ing light. Praise the One who frees the
strong yet gen - tle word. Praise the One who drove out
suf - fered in our place. Je - sus died and rose for



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
man - y That we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done. Praise the one re - deem - ing



thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
wa - ter Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
glo - ry; Praise the One who makes us one.

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

One: Lord, we come to you this morning knowing that each breaking heart is opened to you.

All: You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. You welcome everyone into your eternal and boundless love. Yet, we at times draw lines and set up boundaries to exclude others. Now, we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. When we fail to show your compassion and grace to others, restore us for the sake of your Son and bring us to heavenly joy.

One: Beloved children of God, Our Lord and Savior gave his life on the Cross to redeem us and all the world. I declare in faith, accept his love and show it to others, in the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the Name of 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.

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

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

Teach Us To Love

Mark Patterson

*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.

Message for the Younger Church

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

*Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 420 | Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*The Gospel Lesson

John 4:5-26

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

God in the Movies:

The Hunchback of Notre Dame | There's A Place for Everyone

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. 127 | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary on CWM RHONDA

Paul Manz

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

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

Rev. Dr. Brett Opalinski, Elder in Full Connection, Florida Annual Conference and Emory University | Candler School of Theology | Assistant Dean of Methodist Studies; Assistant Professor in the Practice of Spiritual Formation and Church Leadership

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, and Buddy Wofford (Head Usher)

Greeters: Andy and Pam Davis

Acolytes: The Herbert Family

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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 Connected with Saint Mark

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JAMES REESE EUROPE
JOHN PHILIP SOUSA
AND MORE!

The Recording Industry's
MUSIC PERFORMANCE TRUST FUND

JULY 30
4PM
SAINT MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FREE CONCERT

A-M LOCAL 148-4622 **ATLANTA FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS**

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 23

BBQ & Backpacks on the Front Lawn

After Second Service

Sunday, July 30

Big Brass Band Concert, featuring music
from and about Atlanta

Sanctuary | 4 PM

August 2023

Sunday, August 6

Baby Shower for Rev. Jess and Lauren

After Second Service |
805 Peachtree Building
Recreation Room

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
Organ and Brass Quintet Concert
Featuring Jon Easter on the organ

Between Services

Sanctuary | 4 PM

Saturday, September 30

A Night Recital with Thressa Price
Singing favorites from her time at Saint Mark

Sanctuary | 7 PM

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