

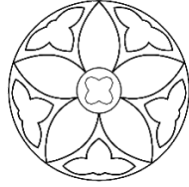
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, August 6, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Tenth 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: Lord, today we choose to clothe ourselves in you. To buckle your truth like a belt around our waist.

All: To know we have your righteousness as a breastplate upon us. To walk with peace into all the places our feet tread.

One: To hold tight to our shield of faith, defeating each arrow of the enemy. To wear salvation as a helmet around our thoughts, and to grasp hold of your words at work in us.

All: To use them like a sword to cut through darkness and confusion. Today we chose to clothe ourselves in you.

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 61 | Come, Thou Almighty King

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

One: Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God.

All: We are guilty of girding ourselves with untruths instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, wrong beliefs, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we do not always seek your way of life abundant. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors.

One: Hear this Beloved Children, God calls us to stand firm and unmovable always reaching for the prize of the high calling in Jesus Christ. God loves us eternally and nothing will separate us from God's Love. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*Kyrie

All: 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Lani Smith

*Doxology

UMH No. 95 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

All: 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

Ephesians 6:10-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Solo

A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes

By David, Hoffman and Livingston

Sermon

God in the Movies: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs | Spiritual Armor

Response to God's Word

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: UMH Page 13

Musical Responses: TFWS Page 2257b-d | Mark A. Miller Setting

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:

TFWS 2257-b (Sanctus)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 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.

TFWS 2257-c (Memorial Acclamation)

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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 forever.

TFWS 2257-d (Great Amen)

All: Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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

All: 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. 580 | Lead On, O King Eternal

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

Preaching: Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

Tabitha Jamal, Candler School of Theology Summer Intern

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

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

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

Abby Parrish, Soloist

Audio Visual: Johnny Sims (Coordinator of Online Ministry), Jay Drew, Eric

Steverson, and Julie Tootle

Acolytes: The Herbert Family

Communion Servers: Audra and Duncan Dial

Usher Team: Buddy Wofford (Head Usher), Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, and

Russell McKinney

Greeter Team: Andy and Pam Davis (Head Greeter)

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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.

Today's Communion Offering

Today's Communion offering will go to support the ministries of **Murphy-Harpst**, a non-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected young people through residential treatment, placements in specialized foster care, and community programs that serve at-risk youth and their families. In partnership with the United Women of Faith national office, services are available to all children regardless of sex, race, color, or creed, and whose needs can be addressed and treated within the scope of program services.

We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

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.



Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

Outreach Closet Donations

We have limited space in our outreach closet but we are always looking for donations.

If you would like to donate to the Outreach Closet, we need the following items as requested by our guests at the Breakfast and Supper Clubs.

- **T-Shirts:** Large to 2X
- **Short Sleeve Polo Shirts:** Large to 2X
- **Tennis Shoes:** Men's size 10-13.5
- **Men's jeans or casual pants:** Size 33 and up
- **Backpacks**
- **Toiletries travel size:**
 - deodorant
 - lotion
 - lip balm
 - sunscreen
 - wet wipes
 - toothpaste

We have a donation center just off the Narthex or you may bring your donations to the church office **Monday - Thursday** from **10 AM to 5 PM**.



Join us for a GROOVY neighborhood block party that will recreate the 1970s on 4th Street at Peachtree!

This free event will feature live music from the [Spaghetti Junction](https://www.facebook.com/spaghettijct/) (<https://www.facebook.com/spaghettijct/>), food trucks, ice cream, beer and wine, activities for all ages, and an opportunity to mingle with your Midtown neighbors.

The 1970s ushered in a time of great cultural change and innovation. Midtown Atlanta was, and remains, alive with the spirit of peace, love and an ever-increasing interest in building a strong community.

This event is produced by the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, with support from Saint Mark United Methodist Church of Atlanta and is sponsored by Midtown Alliance. We need volunteers from Saint Mark to show up like we always do!

Please sign up here or contact Eric Steverson:

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