



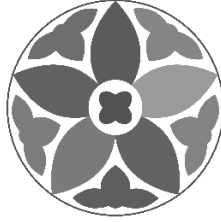
# SAINT MARK

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**Nine O'clock**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## **9 AM 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. 62 v. 1, 4, & 7 | All Creatures of Our God and King**

#### \*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.*

#### 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 Gospel Lesson

**Matthew 20:1-15**

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**Life Hack: How to Overcome Comparison**

## **Response to God's Word**

Holy Communion

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn of Dedication

**UMH No. 548 v. 1, 2, & 4 | In Christ There Is no East or West**

\*Benediction

Postlude

## **We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark**

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.



## Worship Team

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

**Liturgists:** Meagan Williams, *Assistant to the 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, Christian & Kristen Fuller, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton, Scott Lee, Betsy Moore, and Sybil Smith

**Greeter:** Sybil Smith

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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.

## Don Schoner's Celebration of Life

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 1 PM, please join Don's husband, Bobby Strickland, for a time of celebration here at Saint Mark UMC. Wear comfortable clothes and fun colors. There's no minister, no formal program. There will be an open mic and you are welcome to share a favorite story with the group, but it's totally up to you. Bobby will be facilitating the celebration. He will be speaking from his heart, and hopes you do the same. We will be together for two hours.



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IN CONCERT  
AT SAINT MARK!**

September 30, 2023 | 6:30pm

Tickets: \$25 (Single), \$40 (Couple) @ [stmarkumc.org](http://stmarkumc.org)  
Reception with Heavy Hors Dourves at 6:30pm  
Concert starts at 7:00pm  
Catering by Chef MK Durand

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/an-evening-with-thressa>

## Congregation Listening Sessions

Pastor Carolyn and members of the Church Council will be hosting listening sessions with the congregation in the coming weeks.

Sessions will be held on Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, September 24 at 12:15pm, following the 11am service. Both sessions will be held in the chapel.

The sessions are open to 20 persons per gathering, to permit the time needed to answer the questions asked.

Please sign up below for the day you are able to attend. If that day is full please try for another date. <https://forms.office.com/r/3uLaYmUVXy> or contact Robert Gilleo in the office at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org).



All dinners include an assortment of salads, desserts and iced tea.  
Cost is \$11 per person. \$10 for seniors 65 and over.

Make your reservations now for Wednesday Night Dinners here:  
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| <b>September 13</b> | <b>Picnic Dinner</b> with grilled steak burgers and ¼ lbs. hot dogs             |
| <b>September 20</b> | <b>Low Country Boil</b> includes boiled shrimp, sausage, corn, and red potatoes |
| <b>September 27</b> | <b>Baked Potato Bar</b> includes applewood bacon and pulled chicken             |