

SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Nine O'clock

Fourth Sunday in Lent





9 AM Morning Worship

**You are invited to stand as you are able in body and or in spirit.*

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

We welcome each of you to this service! Maybe you've been here more times than you can count. Maybe it's been a while, maybe never. Here is what matters: 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. 292 | What Wondrous Love Is This

*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.

Ministry Moment

Missions and Outreach

Frank Wrenn and Rev. Andy Peabody

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
John 3:14-21

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
The Way of the Cross: Love is the Reason

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Hymn During Communion
The Open Table

1. Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble. _____
2. Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth - er. _____
3. God is love; Love is cre - at - ing _____

_____ Gath - er 'round, come with - out fear. _____
_____ Share your joys, and bring your tears. _____
_____ some - thing new, right here, right now. _____

_____ Known by name, here at the
_____ Strength and hope found at the
_____ We're chil - dren of God, here at the

ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____ wel - come
ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____
ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____

_____ here, to the ta - ble of love. _____ love.

1., 2. | 3.

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Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 620 | One Bread, One Body

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

Preaching:

Rev. Andy Peabody, Associate Pastor

Liturgist & Celebrant:

Rev. Dr. Brett Opalinski, Assistant Dean of Methodist Studies;
Assistant Professor in the Practice of Spiritual Formation and
Church Leadership, Elder in Full Connection, Florida
Conference of The United Methodist Church

Meagan Williams, Assistant Minister of Young Adults

Music:

Justin Bowen, Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist

Communion Steward:

J.W. Mozley

Usher Team:

Scott Lee

Greeter:

Greg Brown

Safe Sanctuary Training

TODAY, March 10, 2024 | 12:30 PM | Wade Hall

This training will equip and empower all who work with Saint Mark's vulnerable populations with the training and tools you need to recognize abuse, as well as teach you about Saint Mark's reporting guidelines. All who currently work or hope to work with vulnerable populations should attend.

We Welcome You

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.

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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.



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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.

Current COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

If you are sick, please stay home. If you have come into contact with someone positive for COVID-19, follow the precautions recommended by the CDC. In order to care for our collective well-being, we strongly recommend that anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated do so, especially before participating in indoor activities.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use one of the QR codes below. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

- Using your Smartphone's camera, scan the QR Code. & follow the prompts.

SecureGive



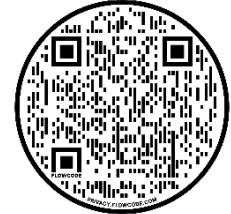
PayPal



Venmo



Text to Give



- To give via text, scan the QR code, and replace the \$\$ in the text with the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text operating 25.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org no later than 5 PM Tuesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

Tickets: \$10 for seniors, \$11 general

Upcoming Meals

Wednesday, March 13 | Saint Patrick's Day

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Wednesday, March 20 | Breakfast for Dinner

Bacon, Sausage, Quiche, and Pancakes

Thursday, March 28 | 6 PM | Holy Thursday

Ukrainian Stuffed Cabbage

Beef, Pork, and Rice

Saint Mark Green Team Survey

Please fill out this short survey to help steer Saint Mark's engagement with environmental issues and creation care. Whether you are interested in getting involved or not, this survey will help our green team prioritize its goals.

<http://tinyurl.com/SMUMCgreenteamsurvey>

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is carried out by our own outstanding designer, **David Boswell**. He seeks to serve the Saint Mark community and to glorify God by creating skillful and graceful flower arrangements to enhance worship and other church sponsored activities. To request a flower dedication, please contact the **Church Office** at office@stmarkumc.org.

Easter Eggtravaganza

Saturday, March 30, 2024

We need Easter Candy for the Egg Hunt!

Please donate bags of individually wrapped candy by Wednesday, March 20th, if you are able. No chocolate, please. It melts! We greatly appreciate it!

We need Volunteers for the Easter Eggtravaganza on Saturday, March 30th.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Madi Dunn at MDunn@stmarkumc.org.

Congregational Hikes | Walk with us...

- April 20th- Atlanta Beltline | Monroe Dr. Access Point
- June 22nd - Sweetwater Creek State Park
- August 17th - Suwanee Greenway Trail
- October 19th - Amicalola Falls State Park

Mission Sunday

NEXT Sunday, March 17, 2024 | After Second Service

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Holy Week



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March 24 | Palm Sunday

March 28 | Holy Thursday

Mid-Week Fellowship Dinner | 6 PM

Dramatic Setting of John 13 | 7 PM



March 29 | Good Friday

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross | 1:30 PM

Seven Last Words of Christ | 7 PM

March 30 | Easter Eggtravaganza

Children's Games | Bouncy House

Easter Egg Hunt | Volunteers Needed



March 31 | Easter Sunday

7 AM | Sunrise Service | Terrace

9 AM | Service | Sanctuary

11 AM | Service | Sanctuary

12:30 PM | Brunch | Reservations Requested