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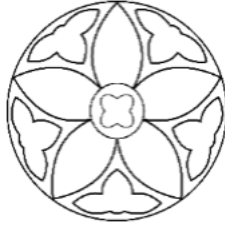
## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**Eleven O'clock**

Third Sunday of Easter





# 11 AM Morning Worship

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

## The Gathering

Prelude

**Prelude on "Easter Hymn"**

**Michael Bedford**

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!

\*The Call to Worship

One: Behold, the risen Christ stands among us.

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is present with us.**

One: The risen Lord invites us to see and believe.

**All: Hallelujah! We embrace his truth and grace.**

One: Christ, our Savior, calls us to proclaim the Resurrection.

**All: Hallelujah! We are a witness to his love and mercy.**

## Praise and Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Praise

**UMH No. 57 | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

\*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

**All: Loving God, in the presence of the risen Christ, we come before you with humble hearts. You have triumphed over death and granted us new life through Jesus Christ. Yet, we confess that we often forget the power of your resurrection living within us. We fail to live as the people you have redeemed. Too often, we allow fear and doubt to overshadow our faith. We hesitate to fully embrace the truth of your victory over sin and death. Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of trust and our moments of unbelief.**

One:Hear the good news: The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work within us, empowering us to live as resurrection people. Through the Holy Spirit, we are reminded of our true identity in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus 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.**

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

The Scripture Lesson

**1 John 3:1-7**

One:The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Baptism

**Nellie Harriet McGee**

**Parents: Peter and Chelsie Petras McGee**

Baptismal Music

**UMH No. 611 v. 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

Reception of New Members

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 and Offertory Prayer

Anthem

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Craig Courtney**

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of years: The potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

\*Doxology

**UMH No. 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*The Gospel Lesson

**Luke 24: 36b-48**

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Preparation

**UMH No. 318 | Christ is Alive**

Sermon

**Can I Get a Witness?**

## **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. 369 | Blessed Assurance**

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response  
**The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

**Peter Lutkin**

**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord lift his countenance upon you  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you, be gracious;  
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.**

Postlude  
**Postlude on Diademata**

**Christopher Tambling**

## **Worship Team**

- Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, *Senior Pastor*
- Liturgists:** Rev. Andy Peabody, *Associate Pastor*  
Madi Dunn, *Children's Minister*  
Meagan Williams, *Assistant Minister of Young Adults*  
Luke Murphy, *Youth Minister Intern*
- Music:** Justin Bowen, *Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist*
- Audio Visual:** Johnny Sims, *Coordinator of Online Ministry*, Nikki and Tiffany Baltazar, Jay Drew, Deana Hilton, Hayden McArthur, Anna Rader, Paul Spencer, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle
- Usher Team:** Buddy Wofford, *Head Usher*, Bob Brown, Mark Jefferson, and Russell McKinney
- Greeter:** Deana Hilton



### **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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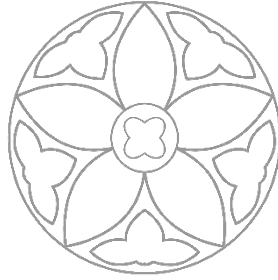
### **Current COVID-19 Safety Guidelines**

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.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

<b>April 21</b>	Church Council Meeting
<b>April 21</b>	Open Doors Planning Session
<b>April 23 – May 3</b>	General Conference   Charlotte, NC
<b>April 28</b>	Green Team Kick-off Meeting
<b>May 5</b>	Churchwide Celebration of our Volunteers Luncheon
<b>May 11</b>	Midtown Race for MAC
<b>May 11</b>	Habitat Build
<b>May 15</b>	Last Wednesday Night Supper of the Season
<b>May 18</b>	Habitat Build
<b>May 19</b>	Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red
<b>May 19</b>	Streets Alive
<b>May 19</b>	Church Council Meeting
<b>May 26</b>	Memorial Day Weekend   One Service – 10 AM
<b>June 1</b>	Habitat Build
<b>June 2</b>	Celebration of the Ministry of Justin Bowen
<b>June 3 - 7</b>	Vacation Bible School   Lutheran Redeemer
<b>June 6 – 20</b>	2024 Saint Mark UMC Pride Auction
<b>June 8</b>	Habitat Build
<b>June 13 -15</b>	North Georgia Annual Conference   Athens, GA
<b>June 15</b>	Habitat Build
<b>June 16</b>	Children and Youth Sunday
<b>June 16</b>	Streets Alive
<b>June 22</b>	Habitat Build
<b>June 23</b>	Church Council Meeting
<b>June 29</b>	Habitat Build
<b>July 7</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Weekend   One Service – 10 AM
<b>July 10-12</b>	Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference   Lake Junaluska, NC
<b>July 13</b>	Habitat Build
<b>July 21-25</b>	Youth Mission Trip   Hinton Rural Life Center
<b>July 28</b>	Streets Alive
<b>August 18</b>	Church Council Meeting
<b>September 1</b>	Labor Day Weekend   One Service – 10 AM
<b>September 11</b>	First Wednesday Night Supper of the Season





## Saint Mark United Methodist Church **Welcome Statement**

*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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### **WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW**

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

#### **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.

#### **Congregational Hikes | Walk with us...**

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Atlanta Beltline | Monroe Dr. Access Point 9 AM



## **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.

## **Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners**

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto: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

April 17	Baked Potato Bar
April 24	Low Country Boil (Shrimp and Sausage)
May 1	Taco Bar
May 8	BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken
May 15	Cookout (Hamburger and Hot Dogs)

## **Open Doors Planning Session**

**Sunday, April 21 | After 2nd Service | Wade Hall**

For those who are interested in helping with Open Doors this year, we will have an informational and brainstorming session on Sunday, April 21. Our first Open Doors this year are Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

These are the same dates that Atlanta will be having Streets Alive! Peachtree St. will be closed to vehicle traffic and pedestrians will be free to walk, ride, or scoot down Peachtree St. from 1-5 pm. For more information, please contact, Pam Davis, at [fireflyrd@yahoo.com](mailto:fireflyrd@yahoo.com).

## **Habitat for Humanity Build**

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/habitat>

Saint Mark United Methodist will be again be participating in our Atlanta Habitat for Humanity build! This year, we're building a new home alongside Jemario, our homebuyer.

When we partner with Atlanta Habitat, we join them as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization by building quality, affordable homes alongside the homeowners themselves creating opportunities for families to thrive beyond the build and well into the future. Please join our build and encourage your family and friends!





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Here's your chance to do something that really  
makes a difference in our community.

No previous experience or skills are required,  
just the desire to help others.

Vist [stmarkumc.org/habitat](http://stmarkumc.org/habitat)  
for more information.



Congregational Hikes | Walk With Us...

# ATLANTA BELTLINE

April 20th | 9:00 am  
Meet at Monroe Dr. Access Point



You're Invited

## GREEN TEAM 101

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
12:30pm | room 201

Join us for refreshments and a presentation by Hannah Shultz from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light.

