



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Eleven O'clock

Fourth 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

Musings on Engelberg

Paul Leddington Wright

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: We enter today into the house of the Lord.

All: Together we lift our hopes and fears, our joys, and sorrows to God.

One: We thank you, Lord, for your Son, and join together in one voice to proclaim your name.

All: We join today in your mission to restore ourselves, our communities, and our world to your goodness.

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 166B | All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

All: God, though we strive to serve you, we fall short time and again. You have tasked us to love our neighbor, and we have fallen short. You have tasked us to heal our world, and we have hurt it instead. You have tasked us to give up everything and to follow you, and yet we selfishly hold on to our own wealth, wisdom, and comforts. Forgive us, God, and guide us back to the path of faith and love.

One: However, there is good news: though our best may not be enough, Christ is enough. His love covers us and empowers us to live in His truth. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*Gloria Patri

UMH No. 71

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.

Introduction of the Congregational Care Team

Amy Holloway; Andra Opalinski; Brett Opalinski; Pam Davis; Greg Brown; Jill Lee-Barber; Joseph Hackett; Lee Edwards; Roger Brown; Sheri Barrera-Disler; Tiffany Baltazar; and Viveca Richards

One: Let us pray:

All: Jesus, we call upon your name as we begin the Care Team in our congregation. In your name we begin this ministry of listening, loving, caring, and supporting. Grant wisdom to those who will lead this ministry in our congregation. May your Spirit move those whom you have specially gifted to serve in this ministry. Help us to serve one another, reach out to those who are hurting, and care as you taught us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke and Linda Johnson

When I gaze into the night sky,
And see the work of Your fingers.
The moon and stars suspended in space.
But what is man that You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor.
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation;
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man, oh, what is man
That You are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God little children praise Him perfectly.
And so, would we, and so would we.
Alleluia, Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name!
Alleluia, Alleluia.

*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

John 10:11-18

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 172 | My Jesus I Love Thee

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 3: 16-24

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Sharing the Love

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. 303 | The Day of Resurrection

*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

Festive Postlude on Lancashire

Charles Callahan

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*, Joel Black, Bob Brown, and Deana Hilton
- Greeter Team:** Dorian Jean Laguerre



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.

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.

Parking

Visiting with us throughout the week? Don't forget to validate. Members with cars registered in the system DO NOT need to validate.

Emergency Need

The stackable washer/dryer in Wiggins House has died.

If you could assist with the funding of a new one, please reach out to Robert Gilleo in the church office at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org.



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

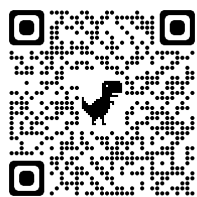
Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

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.



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.

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

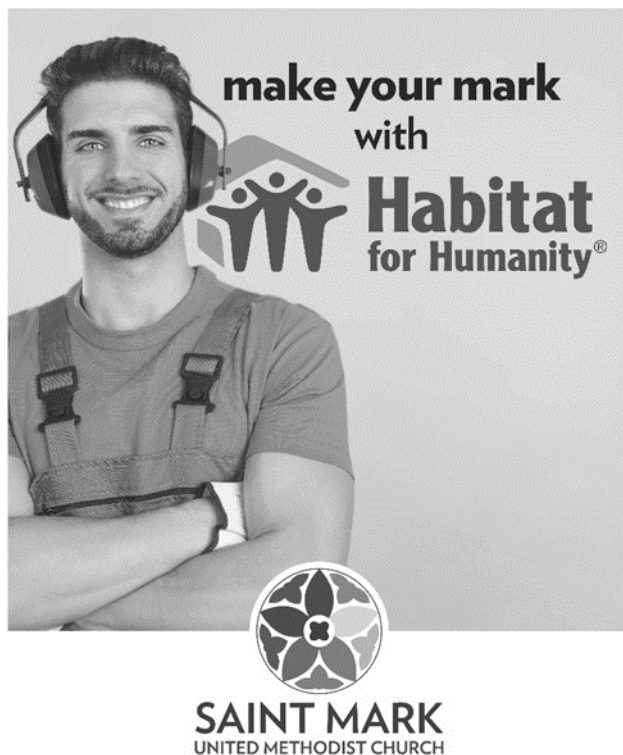
- April 17 Baked Potato Bar
- April 24 Low Country Boil (Shrimp and Sausage)
- May 1 Taco Bar
- May 8 BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken
- May 15 Cookout (Hamburger and Hot Dogs)

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!



INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO PRIDE AUCTION



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PRIDE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 13, 2024

WE'RE GEARING UP TO HOST ANOTHER PRIDE AUCTION THIS YEAR! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE PRIDE AUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6TH TO 20TH THIS YEAR.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRIDE COMMITTEE OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY AND IS NOT FUNDED THROUGH THE CHURCH BUDGET . THEREFORE WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR EVENTS POSSIBLE

YOUR PARTICIPATION, DONATIONS, AND INVOLVEMENT ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S AUCTION. WHETHER IT'S CONTRIBUTING ITEMS FOR AUCTION, VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME, OR SPREADING THE WORD, EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

TO COORDINATE DONATIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU EMAIL NOEY BARRERA-DISLER AT BOFAMILY99@GMAIL.COM WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE ITEMS YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE OR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Donations are accepted until May 17th.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Saint Mark UMC family.

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

DONATE ITEMS:

We encourage you to consider purchasing gift cards from your favorite restaurants, coffee house, or stores. Additionally, unique artwork, handmade crafts, gift certificates, or special items available locally would be appreciated. Every contribution, regardless of size, holds the power to positively impact those around us.

OFFER SERVICES:

Donate your time and skills. Whether it's providing a home-cooked meal, gardening services, or offering a music lesson, your talents can help diversify and enrich our auction, appealing to a wider audience.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to support the auction. These funds will be used to enhance the event and contribute to our Pride Activities.

SPREAD THE WORD

Share the news about our Pride Auction with friends, family, and colleagues who might be interested in participating. The more people involved, the greater impact we can make together.



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.





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Join us for a church-wide celebration of our volunteers,
Sunday, May 5, after the 11:00 Service.