

SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 | 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING

THE WELCOME

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

Air on "The Summons"

Matthew H. Corl

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Great are the works of the Lord.

People: They are considered greatly by all who delight in them.

Minister: Glorious and majestic are God's deeds.

All: The Lord's righteousness endures forever.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO.66 | *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All All-wise God, you imparted to us the gift of your Holy Spirit. By the Spirit's presence we have been empowered to live faithfully and courageously, trusting you to be with us every step of the way. We confess, however, that so often we are afraid of the what ifs and the unknown, and as such fail to take the step of faith. Forgive us we pray. Remind us that without faith we cannot please you.

Minister: Hear the Good News: God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Glorify be 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.

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER

ANTHEM

You Are My God

Bob Chilcott

You are the light that guides my way, you are the seeker when I stray, you are my strength and my friend, you are my God. You are the peace that gives me calm, you are the shelter from all harm, you are my love and my sure light, you are my God. You are the presence when hope is gone, you are with me, I am never alone, you are the power that's always there, you are my God beyond compare. You are the one to whom I pray, you are the Lord with me this day, you are my strength to my life's end, you are my God.

*DOXOLOGY

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

**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.**

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 4:12-23*

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH NO. 398 | *Jesus Calls Us*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Nehemiah 2:1-8*

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

(Re)Building a Legacy: Taking the Risk

RESPONSE TO THE 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.**

* *universal*

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

TFWS NO. 2130 | *The Summons*

*BENEDICTION

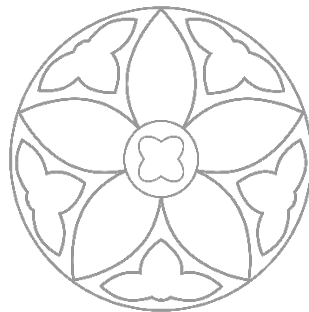
POSTLUDE

Gracenote on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Timothy Albrecht

*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

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Saint Mark United Methodist Church

Preaching: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists: Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Kenny Smallhorn, Candler School of Theology Intern
Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation
Meagan Williams, Assistant Director of Young Adult Ministry
Music: Jon Easter, Minister of Fine Arts and Organist
Audio Visual: Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, and Eric Steverson
Acolytes: Audra & Duncan Dial
Ushers: Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, & Buddy Wofford

WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW



ATTENDANCE | Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your pew or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

NURSERY | A nursery provided for infants and toddlers is located on the first floor of the Education building. Please see the usher for more information. We encourage children of all ages to be present and participate in worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS | Let us pray for you. Prayer request cards are located in the pews. Please return your request to the offering plate or the prayer boxes in the Narthex.

HEARING & VISUAL AIDS | Enhanced listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE | We have a shuttle service that runs between the AT&T parking deck (located at 759 West Peachtree Street) and church on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30am. Don't forget to bring your parking ticket to church with you for validation (see the usher for assistance).

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.

FOOD & BEVERAGES | Please no food or open containers in the Sanctuary.

HYMNALS | We sing from 2 hymnals, including the red United Methodist Hymnal located in the pew racks and the black The Faith We Sing, located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals and Bibles are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS | Men's & Women's restrooms are located just outside the chapel. As you exit the sanctuary turn left. Once you reach the chapel, turn left then immediately right. The Women's restroom is the third door on the left. For the men's restroom, pass the Women's restroom and the Men's restroom is just around the corner. Gender Neutral restrooms are available downstairs. As you leave the sanctuary turn left, take the set of stairs down just before the balcony stairs on the left. The restrooms are on the first landing. Please see an usher for assistance.

PEW CUSHIONS | Need some extra cushion for the pew? Ask an usher for a pew cushion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To learn more about upcoming events, to subscribe to our weekly newsletter (the Remarks), see the church calendar, or give, visit stmarkumc.org.

FRANCES WINSHIP WALTERS CHAPEL

During the months of January & February, the Frances Winship Walters Chapel will be closed for interior repairs. The Sunday 9 AM service will meet in the Sanctuary. Vespers will meet in Room 209 and the Interactions Class will meet in Wade Hall. Also, during the renovations of the Chapel, the Parlor will be closed.

MIDWEEK RETREATS

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

5:00 pm | "Celebration of Discipline" by Richard J. Foster Book Study | Room 111

5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper | Wade Hall

6:30 pm | Vespers | Room 209

6:30 pm | "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman | Room 205

6:30 pm | "Who is Pauli Murray?" Documentary | Wade Hall

7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room | 3rd Floor Education Building

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is in need of four to six volunteers to help facilitate our nursery on an alternating schedule. If you LOVE babies and toddlers and can provide a one and a half to two-hour service once a month, WE NEED YOU! Please contact **Sheila Stephens** at sstephens@stmarkumc.org.

ONLINE SERVICES SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Though they make it look so seamless and easy on Facebook, it takes a team of volunteers to produce our online services. We have an immediate need in the following positions: Facebook Moderator; Soundboard Operator; Camera Operator or Stream Director. If you are interested in serving as one or more of these positions above, please **Johnny Sims** at johnny@techiebud.com. Training will be provided.

WIGGINS HOUSE UPDATE & DONATIONS NEEDED

We are continuing to make progress with the buildout at Wiggins House...smoke detectors have been installed, ceiling tiles have been finished out, so all is new, clean, and safe. We do have some finishing work to complete, and the furniture needs to be assembled. Now we are ready for basic living needs.

If you would like to support our Wiggins House relaunch, please visit our Amazon.com wish list and consider donating: <https://a.co/6IVJP2d> - Thank you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP | “Jesus and the Disinherited”

The Wednesday Night Book group will be reading "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman between January 25th-March 1st. This book is "famously known as the text that Martin Luther King Jr. sought inspiration from in the days leading up to the Montgomery bus boycott." Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail. Join us Wednesdays in person or on Zoom as we read and discuss these powerful chapters - one each week. If you have questions, please contact **Michelle** Levan at michelle.levan@gmail.com or by phone at 404-405-0274.

“WHO IS PAULI MURRAY?” DOCUMENTARY

The Solidarity & Social Justice Committee continues to with part two of a three-part series on the life and legacy of Pauli Murray on January 25 at 6:30 PM in Wade Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to learn of a ground breaker in American History. Check out this sneak peek of the documentary of her life: <https://youtu.be/Uh4r95VBU2Q>

MIDTOWN ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Midtown Alliance is seeking volunteers for our 2023 Annual Meeting, which will take place on the morning of Wednesday, February 8th at the Fox Theatre. This annual signature event attracts Atlanta's business, civic, and residential leaders. It includes a networking breakfast at 7AM and an engaging program at 8AM.

In addition to covering essential city and district updates, the event will look closely at the importance of thriving public spaces for Midtown's next era of growth ... and the steps Midtown Alliance and partners can take to create more people energy at street-level.

Volunteers should be enthusiastic about the exciting developments in Midtown and be able to be at the Fox from 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM on the morning of the event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTOR CAROLYN

October 10-19, 2023

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to witness the events of the Gospels? Imagine being in the boat with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus spoke to the storm or standing on the Mount of Olives beside a weeping Jesus. Although going back in time is not possible, you can go where the events of the Bible took place - the Holy Land.

Pastor Carolyn is putting together a group who are interested in going to the Holy Land next year. If you are interested in going to the Holy Land with Pastor Carolyn this all, please contact office@stmarkumc.org. More details to come in February.