



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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

Adoration

Florence B. Price

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come let us rejoice and worship the Lord.

People: Let us lift our hearts and hands acknowledging the Lord.

Minister: The Lord is faithful, trustworthy and true.

All: Praise the Lord who establishes all that we do.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO. 529 | *How Firm a Foundation*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All God, you provide for our every need, in times of celebration you are the one who supplies the bounty. You lay before us the feast and libations. You continually pour out an abundance as you prepare the table before us. Often, we consume without even thinking from whence these riches come. Forgive our oversight, our selfishness and for not acknowledging the outpouring of YOUR gifts. Help us God to recognize it is you that has made us and not we ourselves. Teach us your ways that we might honor you.

Minister: Hear the Good News: God remains constant with outstretched arms to welcome us, not to admonish us. God, who is gracious, faithful, and all-knowing, sees our every flaw yet continues to love us in spite of ourselves. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: 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.

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

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

*DOXOLOGY

UMH NO. 99 | *My Tribute*

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things God has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things God has done.

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 17:1-9*
 Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNGER CHURCH

HYMN OF PREPARATION
I Will Trust in the Lord

1. I will trust in the Lord, I will
 2. I'm gon - na treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right, I'm gon - na
 3. I'm gon - na stay on the bat - tle - field, I'm gon - na
 4. I'm gon - na stay on 7 bend - ed knee, I'm gon - na

trust in the Lord, I will
 treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right, I'm gon - na
 stay on the bat - tle - field, I'm gon - na
 stay on bend - ed knee, I'm gon - na

trust in the Lord till I die.
 treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right till I die.
 stay on the bat - tle - field till I die.
 stay on 7 bend - ed knee till I die.

I will trust in the Lord, I will
 I'm gon-na treat ev-'ry-bod-y right, I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na stay on the bat-tle-field, I'm gon-na
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trust in the Lord till I die.
 treat ev-'ry-bod-y right till I die.
 stay on the bat-tle-field till I die.
 stay on bend-ed knee till I die.

Alternate lyrics:

Father, I stretch my hands to thee;
 No other help I know.
 If thou withdraw thyself from me,
 O whither shall I go?

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 Tune: TRUST IN THE LORD, Irregular; Negro Spiritual; arr. by Jeffrey Radford, 1953-2002, and Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000,
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SCRIPTURE LESSON *Nehemiah 8:5-12*

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

(Re)Building a Legacy: Celebrating the Results

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

UMH NO. 519 | *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Lift Every Voice and Sing

Mark Miller

*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

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Preaching: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists: Kim Winslow, Lay Member
Kenny Smallhorn, Candler School of Theology Intern
Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation
Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Madeline Pascavage & Scott Smith, Soloists
Audio Visual: Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, Eric Steverson, & Belva White (Facebook)
Acolyte/Crucifer: Julie & Haylie Cundiff
Ushers: Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, & Buddy Wofford

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | Services: Noon & 7 PM

Mark your calendars to attend one of our two Ash Wednesday services (noon or 7:00 pm) on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

If you are unable to attend but still would like to receive the imposition of ashes, Rev. Jess will be outside on the front steps of the church from 7:30 - 9:30 am and Pastor Carolyn will be at the Dunkin Donuts at Peachtree and 7th Streets from 7:30 - 9:30 am.

WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW



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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTOR CAROLYN | October 10-19, 2023 INFORMATION SESSION | TODAY | Noon | Wade Hall

If you are interested in going to the Holy Land with Pastor Carolyn join us TODAY this service for an information session with the Rev. Dr. Jamie Jenkins in Wade Hall.

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY | Lent 2023

Only twelve weeks (remote or in person) this spring with 15-30 minutes of daily Bible reading and a weekly meeting...with another 12 weeks in the fall. It is designed for busy people like you. The book for the first session is \$17 and scholarships are available. There will be 5 class times offered beginning the first week of lent with different leaders for each class.

For more information, please contact Paul Winslow at plwinslow3@gmail.com or call/text 757-646-3278. To register, scan the QR code above or complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMUMCDisciple>

BLACK HERSTORY FOCUS | PAULI MURRAY DOCUMENTARY

February 26: Discussion - Rosita Stevens-Holsey author and niece of Pauli Murray
Book signing immediately following 11:00 am worship Interactions Classroom

CELEBRATING REV. DR. JOSH NOBLITT

Sunday, March 5th, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Rev. Josh's ministry at Saint Mark. It will be his last Sunday with us, and he will be preaching at both the 9am and 11am services. There will be a reception for him in Wade Hall from 9:45-10:45am.