



# **SAINT MARK**

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
PRAYER WALK

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 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

*Allegretto*

C.V. Stanford

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: What brings us joy?

**People: May we slow down to see it.**

Minister: What gives us hope?

**People: May we think deeply about who offers it.**

Minister: What invites us to wonder?

**People: May our awe inspire and change us.**

Minister: Might our questions have something to do with the Holy?

**All: Let us worship God.**

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

\*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

TFWS NO.2128 | *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the  
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brute the space we gain: There's a place for deep-est

clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray  
MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White  
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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: In the season of Lent, we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, and to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. Let us turn to God in prayer.

**All: Holy God, we confess that there are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations.**

Minister: Here the good news: God is here with us in the present moment. Let us be present also. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

\*KYRIE

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

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

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

C.H.H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind in purer lives, Thy service find, in deeper rev'ence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea. The gracious calling of the Lord, let us like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease: Take from our souls the strain and stress, and beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire, Thy coolness and Thy balm, let sense be dumb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire. O still small voice of calm!

\*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      *Luke 10:38-42*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY

*Journeying with Jesus: Learning about Priority*

SENDING FORTH

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

UMH NO.405 | *Seek Ye First*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:**

- Chords: D, F#m, G, D, G
- Lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
- 1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
- 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

**System 2:**

- Chords: D, Em7, A7, D, F#m
- Lyrics: le - lu - ia, Al - le -
- righ-teous - ness, and all these things shall be
- ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

**System 3:**

- Chords: G, D, G, D, A7sus, A7, D
- Lyrics: lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
- add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
- o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)  
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972

SEEK YE  
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NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER WALK

- Preaching: Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
- Liturgists: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor  
Meagan Williams, Assistant Director of Young Adult Ministry
- Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
- Audio Visual: Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, Eric Steverson, & Belva White (Facebook)
- Acolyte/Crucifer: Emily & Lucas Toscano
- Ushers: Keith Adams, Joel Black, Bob Brown, & Deana Hilton

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## 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.

**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.

**HEARING & VISUAL AIDS** | Enhanced listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex, 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](http://stmarkumc.org).

### WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

11:30 am Music *on the front steps*  
Noon Midday Service | Sanctuary  
5:00 pm "Celebration of Discipline" 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" Book Study | Room 205  
6:45 pm Handbells Choir Rehearsal | 3rd Floor Education Building  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 3rd Floor Education Building

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Our next set of new member classes have been scheduled for March 13, 20, & 27 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The classes will be held via ZOOM. For more information and to get signed up, please contact the Robert Gilleo in the church office at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org).

### COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, April 8, 2023 | Noon - 2:00 PM (note new time)**

Mark your calendars for our Community Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt, Bouncy House, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Bubbles & more!

**Donations Needed:** Treats Individually Wrapped Candies (non-chocolate treats)

To donate, have the candy sent directly to the church or drop off the candy during church office hours or on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. We need to have the candy no later than Thursday, March 23, 2023.

### Volunteers Needed

- Day of the event set-up and break-down
- Helpers & Greeters during the event
- Balloon Animal Artist
- Popcorn Machine Worker

To volunteer, contact Robert Gilleo in the Church Office at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org) or Sheila Stephens at [SStephens@stmarkumc.org](mailto:SStephens@stmarkumc.org).



We welcome our friends from Tiff's Treats today. Their Food Truck is out front to help us celebrate our Prayer Walk in the Midtown Community. If you make a purchase today from their food truck, they will give you a special treat. Just let them know you are a member of Saint Mark.