



# **SAINT MARK**

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

NINE O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 | 9:00 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!*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO. 122 v. 1, 4, 6 | *God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*

MORNING PRAYER

\*GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 18:35-43*

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Journeying with Jesus: Learning about Mercy*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD | CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

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

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* | v. 1 & 4

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE SICK

**O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come 544**

G B7 Em Am D7 G

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to  
2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

C D7 G A D A D G B7 E Am

pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to  
bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we  
rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -  
your com - mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

D7 G C D7 G Am G D G

be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## 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 at the back of the Sanctuary as you leave following 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, share the good news of God's love to our neighbors 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).

**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.

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Preaching:	Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists:	Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Music:	Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist Madeline Pascavage, Cantor   Hymn Leader
Communion Steward:	JW Mozley
Usher Team:	Greg Brown, Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Scott Lee, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton & Sybil Smith

# 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).

## **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!

### **Volunteers Needed**

- Day of the event set-up and break-down
- Helpers & Greeters during the event

To volunteer, contact Sheila Stephens at [SStephens@stmarkumc.org](mailto:SStephens@stmarkumc.org).

## **EASTER LILIES**

Lilies are symbols of the resurrection, we use them to fill our sanctuary during Easter. If you would like to reserve a lily in memory or in honor of someone, please go to: <https://www.stmarkumc.org/order-lilies>. The lily donations will be listed in the Easter bulletin. The cost is \$10 a lily.

## **EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Join us in Wade Hall at Saint Mark United Methodist Church for Easter Sunday Brunch. Dale Becker and his team will be our team crafting an absolutely amazing meal that you will not be able to pass up. Limited seating is available so secure your ticket now.

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/store/p/easter-sunday-brunch>

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 2, 2023 | Palm (Passion) Sunday

- *Chancel Choir presenting the Solemn Mass by Louis Vierne at 11 am*

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

- *No Wednesday Night Supper*

Thursday, April 6, 2023 | Holy (Maundy) Thursday

- *Service at 7 pm*

Friday, April 7, 2023 | Good Friday

- *Ecumenical Midtown Stations of the Cross at 1:30 pm*
- *Service at 7 pm*

Saturday, April 8, 2023

- *Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza 12 - 2 pm*

Sunday, April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday

- *Sunrise Service at 7 am*
- *Service with Choir and Brass at 9 am & 11 am*
- *Easter Sunday Brunch after 11 am service*