

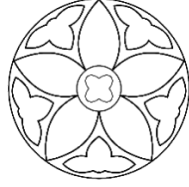
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Nine O'clock

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Morning Worship

*You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

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. 140 v. 1 & 3 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

We offer each other signs of peace.

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.

The Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Conversations of the Heart: Living Your Integrity

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 715 v. 1 & 4 | Rejoice, the Lord is King

*Benediction

Postlude

We Invite You

Want to stay updated on the Saint Mark Community?

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.

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. 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

Audio Visual: Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

Usher Team: Greg Brown (Head Usher), Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Scott Lee,
Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton & Sybil Smith

Greeter: Greg Brown

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We Welcome You

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.

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.

Young Adults take on financial literacy!

Mitch Foster is leading the young adults through 6 weeks of financial literacy this summer. Mark your calendar from 5:30-7:30 on Wednesdays: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12, and 7/19. Dinner will be served and they will meet in the young adult room. See Rev. Jess or Meagan Williams for more information.

Flowers

The flowers today are presented to the Glory of God by Robert Gilleo in honor of Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens's graduation from Emory University Candler School of Theology as a Doctor of Ministry.

Midtown Assistance Center | 5K Run & Walk



Through their services, MAC provides emergency assistance, including rent and utilities assistance, food pantry, MARTA cards, assistance with required work uniform items, Georgia ID assistance, and more. By participating in the Midtown Race for MAC 5K, you'll be supporting these vital programs and helping to keep Atlantans in their homes and preserve their dignity. Registration is open now, so don't wait to sign up! Whether you're a serious runner or just looking for a fun day out with your family and furry friends, the Midtown Race for MAC 5K is a great way to get active and support a worthy cause. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference in our community - register today at <https://tinyurl.com/3nzvbprb> and join us in the fight against homelessness and hunger.

Today's Communion Offering

Today's offering will go to the 2023 Annual Conference Special Offering (Disaster Response & UMCOR) and for The North Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund which will be received at the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination during Annual Conference.



Bishop Robin Dease has chosen UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) and our Conference Disaster Response efforts as the 2023 North Georgia Annual Conference Special Offering. Part of the offering will be used in our Conference tornado recovery efforts as UMCOR guides us in our local own disaster response.

In 2023 tornadoes have caused significant damage across North Georgia. When multiple tornados struck in January, UMCOR approved a solidarity grant in less than 24 hours, allowing the Conference to respond immediately. Our Conference launched its first long-term recovery effort in Griffin and surrounding communities, even as our response continues in West Point and Troup County after a devastating tornado in March.

As the humanitarian relief and disaster response arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally and locally in direct ministry to persons in need.

UMCOR and our trained ERTs are also at work in Florida, Mississippi, and Kentucky. Working alongside established partners, UMCOR has distributed more than \$2 million in humanitarian aid to support the Ukrainian people. UMCOR is at work in Turkey and Syria and in Madagascar and Mozambique. Our giving to UMCOR makes God's love tangible to survivors of all kinds—be it from war or conflict, hurricane, famine, earthquake, or flood. And, thanks to your generosity on UMCOR Sunday to cover the cost of doing business, 100 percent of gifts go to the response for which they are designated.

In addition to our Special Offering for Disaster Response and UMCOR, an offering for The North Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund will be received at the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination.

MEF is funded by United Methodists to provide scholarships to seminary and undergraduate students, course-of-study for local pastors, and license to preach school. MEF is a general church-apportioned fund of which 25 percent is retained by our conference. But 100 percent of the giving to the Annual Conference Ordination Offering will go to United Methodist seminary and course of study students in the North Georgia Conference.

Please give generously to the Annual Conference Special Offering and to the offering during the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination.

Next Sunday | Special Mother's Day Offering



WESLEY WOODS
FOUNDATION



For nearly 50 years, churches of The North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church have received the Mother's Day Offering for Wesley Woods.

This generous support funds financial assistance for meals and housing to residents who have the gift of a long life but may have outlived their resources.

In addition, the Mother's Day Offering also supports on-site chaplains and an innovative wellness program.

Let it Sing
A CONCERT BY *Deronte Evans*

MAY 21 | Fundraising Concert for RMN | **4 PM**

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

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Emma Zuniga-Martin
Carolyn Stephens

Jacob Byars
Jackson Fleming
Andi Kezh
Megan Kramer
Anna Brook Opalinski
Meagan Williams

Thank you for your Service!

Our intern, Kenny Smallhorn

Disciple II: Into the Word – Into the World

Dawan O. Buie (remote from Ohio)
Eddie Gammill
Johnny Sims

Laura Butler
Viveca Richards
Julie Tootle

Pam Buzbee (Facilitator)