

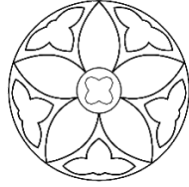
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Sixth 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!

Prelude

Songs of Worship and Praise

Sharon Elery Rogers

Saint Mark Handbell Choir

*The Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

All: Let us fix our minds and hearts on thee!

One: The Lord is good, the Lord is kind!

All: The Lord calls to us, let us respond to the call!

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 318 v. 1, 3, 4, & 5 | Christ Is Alive

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

All: God our maker and provider, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. This you do because you love us. Yet, often times we neglect to acknowledge your goodness and think more highly of ourselves than we should. We are haughty, proud, arrogant and stubborn. And we fail to recognize that You are the Creator and the One who allows Us to exist. Forgive us of our selfishness and incline our hearts unto thee.

One: Hear the good news. God loves you and has provided a Savior for you. You are Easter people redeemed by the blood. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: 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.

*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.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

*Doxology

UMH No. 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Message for the Younger Church

All children are invited to come up to the chancel area.

*Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 357, vs. 1, 3, 4, & 5 | Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:21-26

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Conversations of the Heart: Offering Forgiveness

Response to God's 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. 670 | Go Forth for God

*Benediction

Postlude

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation
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, and Julie Tootle

Ushers: Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, and Buddy Wofford, Head Usher

Greeters: Andy Davis and Deana Hilton

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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.

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.

Our Prayer List

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/prayer-ministry>



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Next Sunday at Saint Mark | May 21, 2023



Rev. Jess and Lauren are getting married. Help us celebrate Rev. Jess and Lauren at a Cupcake Social after second service. Your presence at the social is gift enough, but should you wish to give a gift as well, we will have a basket to accept cash gifts to put towards their wedding & baby funds.

Let it Sing
A CONCERT BY *Doronte Evans*

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