

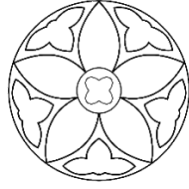
# **SAINT MARK**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
**Eleven O'clock**

Seventh 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

**Adagio**

**Daniel Gawthrope**

### \*The Call to Worship

One: Sing to God! Praise God's holy name!

**All: Lift up a song to God who rides upon the clouds,**

One: A song to the God who protects the vulnerable,

**All: A song of God's goodness. Let us sing to God!**

## Praise and Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn of Praise

**UMH No. 152 | I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

\*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

One: We come to the Lord recognizing our need for divine grace.

In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us of the joy of generosity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

One: Hear the Good News: Jesus lived a generous life. By his example, let us also be generous people. 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

**Treasures in Heaven**

**Joseph W. Clokey**

\*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

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

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

**Insert v. 1, 2, & 4 | In an Age of Twisted Values**

# In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)  
 Fm Cm Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>




1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the  
 2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -  
 3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are  
 4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)  
 Fm B<sup>b</sup> C7 Fm Cm Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>




truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have  
 dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we  
 full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they  
 to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m Fm Cm Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>




jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions  
 hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed  
 lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged  
 truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m Fm C7 Fm Cm



we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and  
 by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and  
 all the care we know they need, hear our cry and  
 come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
 Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m Fm Cm Fm



heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.  
 heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.  
 heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.  
 heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.

\*The Gospel Lesson

**Matthew 6:19-24**

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**Conversations of the Heart: Stewarding Your Finances**

## **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.**

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## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn of Dedication

**UMH No. 147 | All Things Bright and Beautiful**

\*Benediction

Postlude

**Jubilate**

**Fela Sowande**

## **Worship Team**

**Preaching:** Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

**Liturgists:** Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Retired Elder, North Georgia Annual Conference

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:** Roger Brown 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](http://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>

## **Announcements & Special Events**

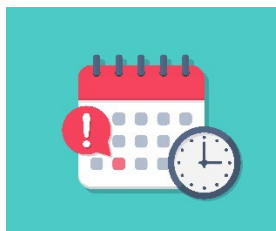
Today's "Let is Sing" RMN Fundraising Concert has been canceled.

**Join us in Wade Hall after this service...**



Rev. Jess and Lauren are getting married. Help us celebrate Rev. Jess and Lauren at a Cupcake Social after second service TODAY!

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.



**Next Sunday, May 28, 2023 | One Service ONLY | 10 AM**





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### 2023 Silent Auction Donations Request

Dear Saint Mark UMC Family,

Your 2023 Pride Committee would like to announce that in June 2023, Saint Mark plans to host a silent auction to assist in providing funding our Pride activities in October. Yes, it has been some time since Saint Mark hosted a silent auction event, but past events have been quite successful. We know that the entire world is celebrating International Pride in June and that the commemoration of the Stonewall Riots is also in June, so why not have a pride event in June? The silent auction event in June will help us feel part of the International Pride celebration and for those of us who miss having some big Pride activities in June, will hopefully give us something fun to look forward to during this time, while helping raise money for October.

This silent auction will differ from prior years in many ways. First, no more paper bids, instead we are using an online auction program. This will eliminate a problem noted in years past that those attending first service on the last day of the auction either had to stay past second service, or risk being outbid on items they may have really, really wanted by others. Secondly, this will allow anyone traveling during the summer in the action. Finally, it will allow anyone who wants to support our Pride efforts here at Saint Mark to join the fun.

To make this event as exciting and successful as we hope, we will need your help. Please consider supporting our event by donating time at vacation homes, gift certificates, high quality merchandise or services. In exchange, you will be receiving excellent community exposure and advertising. If you are an individual member who cannot think of something to donate, please consider calling your family, friends or a favorite restaurant to see if they would be willing to donate an item to our

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Silent Auction or if you have a poster, vinyl album or any merchandise signed/autographed by a celebrity, perhaps you might be willing to donate that.

We will gladly pick up your donation, or it can be dropped at St Mark's business office during regular church office hours. You can also drop off it at St Mark during services on Sunday. Our last day to receive silent auction items is June 4, 2023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Saint Mark's Pride committee members. Listed below are the pride members:

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Thank you in advance for considering our request and for supporting St Mark Pride.

