

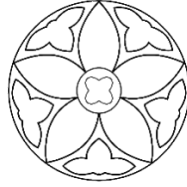
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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

*The Call to Worship

One: As we are called into worship today,
let us remember how God shaped us and formed
with His own two hands,
like clay in the potter's hand.
God made us, loved us, and kept us.
Like treasure encapsulated in living clay

All: We open our eyes to see God's glory.
We open our ears to hear the Creator's wisdom.
We open our hands to offer the Divine's gifts.
We open our mouths to sing Jehovah's praise.
We open our hearts to offer God our love.
The Lord is God!

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 89 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

One: Almighty God, we confess that though you marked all humanity with your divine image, and have poured the priceless treasure of your Holy Presence into us, who are but jars of clay, we do not always honor your gift, and we fail to see your image in the people your hands fashioned.

All: We fail to live as bearers of your divine presence, and in doing so fail to protect and preserve the dignity of others. We fail to love, we lose hope, and fail to forgive others and ourselves. Forgive us we pray.

One: Hear the Good News: God so loved the world that He gave up His only and treasured Son so that we all might live. Let us all treasure God the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, and one another in holy love and grace. Beloved, 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

God, You Enfold Me

Hal Hopson

God, you enfold me, God, you surround me, God be in my feasting, O
God, be in my thirsting, God, be in my thinking, God be in my speaking,
God, be in my watching, God, be in my waiting. God, be in my heart, God
be in my soul. God, you uphold me, God, you protect me, God, be in my
sleeping, God be in my waking. God, be in my grieving, God be in my
gladness, God be in my longing, God be in my hoping, God be in my life;
God be my eternal home.

*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.**

*The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-31

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

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. 534 | Be Still, My Soul

The Scripture Lesson
2 Corinthians 4:7-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Treasures in Jars of Clay

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. 377 | It Is Well with My Soul

*Benediction

Postlude

Saint Mark Welcome Statement

As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

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.

One Combined Service
NEXT Sunday, July 2, 2023
10 AM | Sanctuary

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

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

Tabitha Jamal, Candler School of Theology Summer Intern

Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Meagan Williams, Assistant to the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

V. Lee Edwards, Guest Organist; Phil Crumbly, Guest Pianist

Audio Visual: Johnny Sims, Coordinator of Online Ministry, Jay Drew, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle

Ushers: Joel Black, Bob Brown, Deana Hilton, and Yin Xu-Moore

Greeters: Andy and Pam Davis

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Announcements & Special Events

Greeters Needed

Being greeted when you enter a place indicates that you are welcomed and valued. We wouldn't think of allowing guests to enter our homes without a warm welcome. Why should our church, our beloved Saint Mark home, be any different?

We are currently in need of Greeters to warmly welcome those who enter our doors. If you would like to be a member of this important ministry or have questions, please contact **Pam Davis** at **770-601-2544** or via email at **fireflyrd@yahoo.com**.

Fellowship Gathering

There will be a churchwide fellowship gathering today after this service courtesy of Larry Lucas. Please join us in Wade Hall for food, fun, and fellowship.