

SAINT MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, July 9, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Morning Worship

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

The Gathering

Pre-Service Music

Reflection, from Disney's Mulan

Matthew Wilder

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: We are gathered in this place to worship God.

All: God meets us here.

One: We are gathered to hear from the Lord.

All: God speaks here.

One: We lift our hearts in faith.

All: We wait with expectancy.

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 92 v. 1 - 4 & 6 | For the Beauty of the Earth

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

All: Loving God, in your great wisdom you have instructed us to live a life of peace and forgiveness with each other. You tell us not to reciprocate the harm that has been done to us, but to show mercy as you have shown us mercy. We confess, however, that we do not always obey your instructions, and so often we respond in like manner to the wrong done to us. In doing so, we forego our witness to your mercy and grace. Forgive us we pray. Remind us of the truth that love covers a multitude of sins.

One: Hear the good news: God has been merciful to us, and commands us to be merciful to others. For in showing mercy, we release the power of the Holy Spirit within us to break the cycle of evil. Show mercy as you have received mercy. 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

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

Clint Clark-Duke, *Soloist*

*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 First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 36:5-9

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. 526 | What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The Second Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

God in the Movies: Big Hero 6

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. 399 | Take My Life and Let It Be

*Benediction

Postlude

Summer Choir

Summer at Saint Mark is a great time to give the choir a try. There are no mid-week rehearsals to attend, no robes to wear and no commitment!

Normal 10:30 rehearsal for the 11:00 service on July 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Hope to see you there!

Worship Team

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

Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

Tabitha Jamal, Candler School of Theology Summer Intern

Dr. Mike Smith, Lay Reader

Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

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

Music: Lee Edwards, Organist

Darrell Curren, Pianist

Clint Clark-Duke, Soloist

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

Ushers: Joel Black, Joseph Hackett, Yin Xu Moore, and Buddy Wofford (Head Usher)

Greeters: Deana Hilton and Sybil Smith

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We Welcome You

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!



Your 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.

Your 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.



We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

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.



Lamoly-Cusick Baby Shower

The Saint Mark UMC community is invited to join us for a baby shower honoring Jess & Lauren on Sunday August 6 in Wade Hall, immediately following the 11 am worship service. Jess and Lauren have registered at <https://www.babylist.com/list/lauren-lamoly>

Please RSVP here: <https://shorturl.at/cxEH4>

Thank you!
Christi Elliott-Earby & Paula Ward

Saint Mark at Home

Did you know that Saint Mark has at home groups?

We have three active (Cobb County, Midtown - Buckhead, and Spaghetti Junction area) at home groups, but we are looking to start more.

If you would be interested in joining a current group or starting a new one, please reach out to **Pastor Carolyn** or **Robert Gileo** in the church office.



Join us on the front lawn for the first of many of our summer and beyond church and community get-togethers!

Free food, fellowship, entertainment. Your admission is a donation of a backpack(s), school supplies or a backpack filled with school supplies benefitting **“For The Kid in All of Us”** to support their annual **“Backpack in the Park,”** a fundraiser to help local organizations ensure all children have the supplies needed to start the school year.

Can't make it to BBQ & Backpacks but still want to donate? There will be a collection bin in the Narthex on Sunday, July 16th and an Amazon Wishlist that you can order supplies and have them shipped directly to the Church.

Remember, your donation is your ticket to the BBQ!

School Supplies Lists

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:
Grade 1-3

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil box	<input type="checkbox"/> Blunt-tipped scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons	<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic folders
<input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Wide-ruled notebook or pad
<input type="checkbox"/> Washable markers	<input type="checkbox"/> Tissues
<input type="checkbox"/> No. 2 pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack
<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil grips	<input type="checkbox"/> Assorted construction paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil sharpener	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunchbox or bag
<input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruler
<input type="checkbox"/> Erasers	
<input type="checkbox"/> Index cards	

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:
Grade 4-5

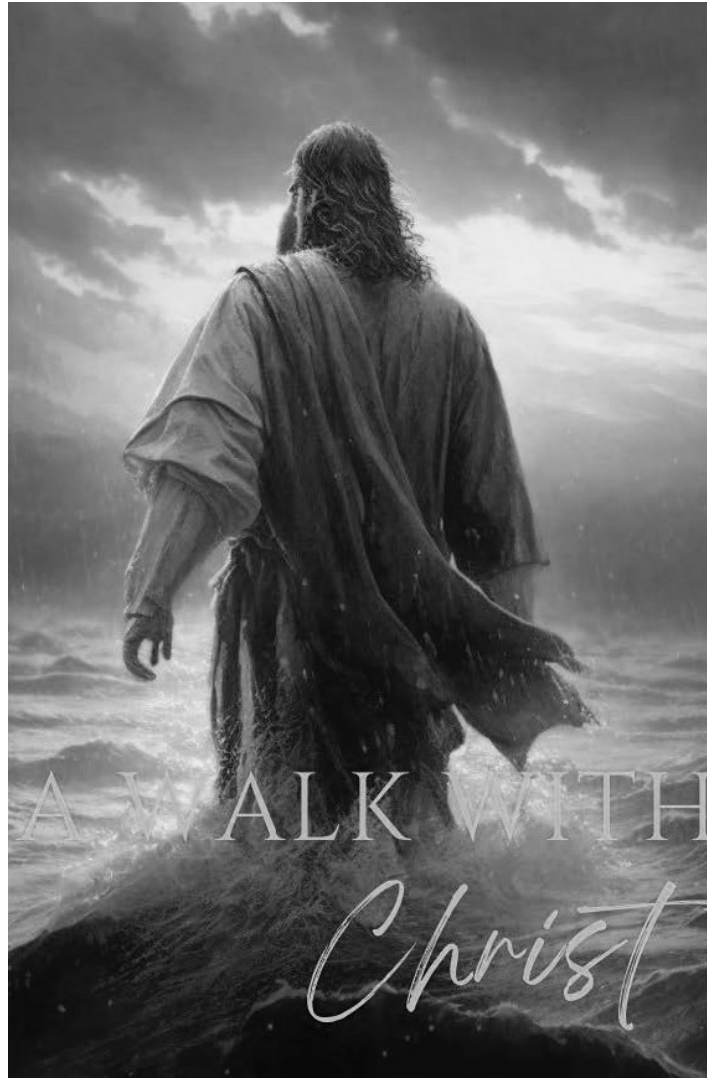
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<input type="checkbox"/> No. 2 pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Glue
<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil sharpener	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters	<input type="checkbox"/> Calculator
<input type="checkbox"/> Washable markers	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue or black ballpoint pens
<input type="checkbox"/> Erasers	<input type="checkbox"/> Book socks
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal organizer/calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack
<input type="checkbox"/> Three-ring binder	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunchbox or bag
<input type="checkbox"/> Three-hole-punch	<input type="checkbox"/> Index cards
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose-leaf paper or spiral notebooks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruler
	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject dividers

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:
Middle & High School

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil pouch	<input type="checkbox"/> White-Out
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue or black ballpoint pens	<input type="checkbox"/> Protractor
<input type="checkbox"/> No. 2 pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruler
<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil sharpener	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphing calculator
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent markers	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination lock
<input type="checkbox"/> Erasers	<input type="checkbox"/> Book socks
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal organizer/calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack
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**Saint Mark
presents
"A Walk with Christ"**

A Four Week Guided Prayer According to Ignatian Spirituality

If you know God, you know that our God is the Lord of journeys and we invite you to one. Experience Jesus' journey on earth using the map laid out by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Take some time to pause from the daily exhausting grind, and replenish your mind, body, and spirit with a closer walk with Jesus. It is an intentional time and space provided for you to sit with Christ, to talk to Him while you traverse into His life and your own. Watch how the threads connect and marvel. Join us on this four-week venture on Wednesdays in August beginning August 2 from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 in the Chapel.

Upcoming Events at Saint Mark

July 2023

Sunday, July 23

BBQ & Backpacks on the Front Lawn After Second Service

Sunday, July 30

Big Brass Band Concert, featuring music
from and about Atlanta Sanctuary | 4 PM

August 2023

Sunday, August 6

Baby Shower for Rev. Jess and Lauren After Second Service

Sunday, August 20

Celebrate the Ministry of Sheila Stephens
Church Council Between Services
After Second Service

Sunday, August 27

Church Picnic After Second Service

September 2023

Sunday, September 3

Labor Day Sunday One Service | 10 AM

Sunday, September 17

Rededication of the Chapel
Organ and Brass Quintet Concert
Featuring Jon Easter on the organ Between Services
Sanctuary | 4 PM

Saturday, September 30

A Night Recital with Thressa Price
Singing favorites from her time at Saint Mark Sanctuary | 7 PM

October 2023

Sunday, October 1

Blessing of the Animals Front Steps | 4PM

Tuesday, October 10 – Thursday, October 19

Holy Land Journey Trip with Pastor Carolyn

Sunday, October 15

Pride Sunday at Saint Mark One Service | 10 AM

Tuesday, October 31

Trunk or Treat



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Welcome Home!

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.