



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Eleven O'clock

Palm | Passion Sunday



11 AM Morning Worship

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

The Gathering

Outside on the Front Terrace

Prelude

Epilogue on 'St. Theodulph'

Healey Willan

Words of Welcome and Grace

We welcome each of you to this service! Maybe you've been here more times than you can count. Maybe it's been a while, maybe never. Here is what matters: No matter who you are or where you are from, you are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

*The Call to Worship

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is the One who bears our burdens and frees us from our sins.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is the One who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us, the Rock of our salvation!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 280 | All Glory, Laud, and Honor

During the refrain and on verse 5, raise your palms and wave them proudly and enthusiastically.

***Prayer of Confession & Pardon**

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

All: God of grace and glory, blessed is Christ Jesus who came in your name. He healed the sick and raised the dead. He delivered the oppressed and set the prisoners free. He proclaimed the good news to the poor and the year of your blessings to all peoples. He lived obediently and courageously, even to the point of facing death, knowing he was doing your will. Forgive us for the times we falter in the face of hardship, and for the times we complain when life gets challenging. Remind us of what he endured for us, so we will not lose heart.

One: Hear the Good News: God's grace provides hope and peace even in the midst of suffering and unknowing. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***Kyrie**

Carl Maultsby

Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, have mer-cy.

Christ have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy, have mer-cy.

Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, have mer-cy.

***The Passing of the Peace**

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

All: And also, with you.

Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

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

Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan

**Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.**

**I was but young when I begun. No man can a-hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done. No man can a-hinder thee.**

**Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.**

**King Jesus rides a milk white horse, No man can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan he did cross. No man can a-hinder thee.**

**Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.
Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.**

**He's the King, Lord of all. N No man can a-hinder thee.
He's the first and the last, he's the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of Peace, No man can a-hinder thee.
Oh, ride on King Jesus, ride on, just ride on Jesus.**

**Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on Jesus.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on Jesus.
Ride on King Jesus, ride on, ride on, ride on Jesus.
Ride on, Jesus!**

*Doxology

Take My Life and Let it Be

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 31:9-16

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Message for the Younger Church

All who are young in age or spirit are invited to come up to the chancel area.

*Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 278 | Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*The Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Way of the Cross: Willing to Sacrifice

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. 292 | What Wondrous Love is This

Choral Response

Indodana

Trad. isiXhosa, arr. Barrett and Schmitt

*Sung in isiXhosa, one of the official languages of South Africa.
It is spoken by about 18% of the South African population.*

**Ngob'umthatile umtwana wakho, uhlale nathi hololo helele
(The Lord has taken his son who lived amongst us.)**

**Indodana ka nkulunkulu bayi'bethelela hololo helele
(The son of the Lord God was crucified.)**

**Hololo Baba Jehova
(Hololo Father Jehovah)**

*Hololo represents crying and has no translation.
Zjem zja is expressive with no meaning.*

*Benediction

Postlude

The Royal Banner Forward Goes

Wilbur Held

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Worship Team

Preaching:	Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Liturgists:	Rev. Andy Peabody, <i>Associate Pastor</i> Madi Dunn, <i>Children's Minister</i> Meagan Williams, <i>Assistant Minister of Young Adults</i> Luke Murphy, <i>Youth Minister Intern</i>
Music:	Justin Bowen, <i>Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist</i>
Audio Visual:	Johnny Sims, <i>Coordinator of Online Ministry</i> , Nikki and Tiffany Baltazar, Jay Drew, Deana Hilton, Hayden McArthur, Anna Rader, Paul Spencer, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle
Usher Team:	Bob Brown, Joel Black, Yin Xu-Moore, and Deana Hilton
Greeter Team:	Luke Murphy and Chip duPont

We Welcome You

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.



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.



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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.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use one of the QR codes below. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

- Using your Smartphone's camera, scan the QR Code. & follow the prompts.

SecureGive



PayPal



Venmo



Text to Give



- To give via text, scan the QR code, and replace the \$\$ in the text with the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text operating 25.

Holy Thursday Night Fellowship Dinner

For reservations, please email Robert Gilleo at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org or complete the Microsoft Forms survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/29Xbv198wy>) no later than 5 PM Tuesday.

Thursday, March 28 | 6 PM | Holy Thursday

Ukrainian Stuffed Cabbage | Beef, Pork, and Rice

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is carried out by our own outstanding designer, **David Boswell**. He seeks to serve the Saint Mark community and to glorify God by creating skillful and graceful flower arrangements to enhance worship and other church sponsored activities. To request a flower dedication, please contact the **Church Office** at office@stmarkumc.org.

Congregational Hikes | Walk with us...

- April 20th- Atlanta Beltline | Monroe Dr. Access Point
- June 22nd - Sweetwater Creek State Park
- August 17th - Suwanee Greenway Trail
- October 19th - Amicalola Falls State Park

Saint Mark Green Team Survey

Please fill out this short survey to help steer Saint Mark's engagement with environmental issues and creation care. Whether you are interested in getting involved or not, this survey will help our green team prioritize its goals.

<http://tinyurl.com/SMUMCgreenteamsurvey>



Holy Thursday, March 28 | 7 PM

The Saint Mark Drama Ministry and Fine Arts Ministry presents
The Last Supper

A portrayal of the intimate last gathering of Jesus
and his disciples before his betrayal.

John 13, with support from Matthew 26 and Luke 22

The Holy Thursday service will be a dramatization of the 13th chapter of John, which tells us how Jesus spent his last evening with the disciples. The portrayal of this intimate last gathering between Jesus and his disciples weaves together the gospel leading up to his betrayal with music from the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir.

Please join us Holy Thursday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, as we begin the final steps of the journey on our Way to The Cross.

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH



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Caramelized Apple Wood Bacon
Assorted Fresh Fruit | Breakfast Sausage
Spinach Salad with Feta Cheese | Caesar Salad

Roast Sirloin of Beef

Honey Glazed Ham

Chilled Fresh Gulf Shrimp

Quiche Lorraine

Carrot Soufflé | French Green Beans with Mushrooms
Pan Seared Asparagus | Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Bacon

Assorted Breads | Muffins and Sweets

Carrot Cake | Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie

Iced Tea | Coffee | Water | Assorted Juices

\$20 per person | Reservations Required | stmarkumc.org/store



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HOLY WEEK 2024

March 24

Palm Sunday

Each service (9 a.m. & 11 a.m.) will start outside on the front steps of Saint Mark, where palms will be distributed and organ music will beckon us inside to celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem!

March 28

Holy Thursday

All are invited to our mid-week Fellowship Dinner in Wade Hall at 6 p.m. and, afterwards, to attend an original dramatic and musical presentation of The Last Supper (John 13) at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

March 29

Good Friday

Saint Mark will once again be helping coordinating an ecumenical Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk through Midtown, starting at 1:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church. Beginning at 7 p.m., we will also be offering a solemn service of worship in the Sanctuary, focusing on the final words of Christ.

March 30

Holy Saturday

The children of the congregation and community are invited to join together in celebration on the grounds of Saint Mark during our Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., enjoying an egg hunt, a bouncy house, fun children's games, and more!

March 31

Easter Sunday

Our Sunrise Service will convene at 7 a.m. on the Terrace where Saint Mark faces Peachtree Street. The 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will be identical, each being held in the Sanctuary and featuring choir and brass accompaniment. Afterwards, Wade hall will host our Easter Brunch at 12:30 – reservations requested.

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