

# **SAINT MARK**

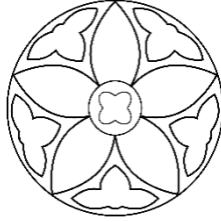
## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**Nine O'clock**

Palm | Passion Sunday





## 9 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

#### 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!**

#### \*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.*

\*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.*

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.**

\*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**

Holy Communion

Hymn During Communion  
**The Open Table**

1. Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble.  
 2. Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth - er.  
 3. God is love; Love is cre - at - ing

— Gath - er 'round, come with - out fear.  
 — Share your joys, and bring your tears.  
 — some - thing new, right here, right now.

— Known by name, here at the  
 — Strength and hope found at the  
 — We're chil - dren of God, here at the

ta - ble, this ta - ble; wel - come  
 ta - ble, this ta - ble;  
 ta - ble, this ta - ble;

here, to the ta - ble of love. love.

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**Sending Forth**

\*Hymn of Dedication

**UMH No. 298 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

\*Benediction

Postlude

## 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.*

## Worship Team

<b>Preaching:</b>	Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
<b>Liturgists:</b>	Rev. Andy Peabody, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
<b>Music:</b>	Justin Bowen, <i>Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist</i>
<b>Communion Steward:</b>	J.W. Mozley
<b>Usher Team:</b>	Sybil Smith
<b>Greeter:</b>	Betsy Moore

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## 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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## We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

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.

## 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



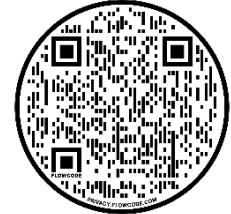
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### Text to Give



- 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 Gileo at [RJGileo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGileo@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](mailto: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.





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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' Triumphal 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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