

# SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

## EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST  
THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR  
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER: SERVICE AT SUNRISE

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# EASTER SUNRISE MORNING WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 | 7:00 AM

*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 GATHERING

THE GATHERING ON THE FRONT STEPS IN DARKNESS AND SILENCE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### THE GREETING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Grace and peace to you from our risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. My siblings in Christ: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to watch and pray. This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

### THE PRAYER

**All: God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

### Luke 24:1-12

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

One: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

**All: Christ is our light!**

*All share the Light of Christ.*

## THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

One: Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed.**

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**All: The Lord is risen indeed.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The procession follows the paschal candle into the chapel.*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Insert | Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTERTIDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 194

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav - en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

### THE RESPONSE

**All: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our King. Christ has conquered. Glory fills you. Darkness vanishes forever.**

*Please extinguish your candles.*

### THE PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE MEDITATION

### THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION

**UMH NO.304 | Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

## Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav - en in  
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;  
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to  
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heav - en - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heav - en - ly throngs.

WORDS: William M. James, 1979  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE  
 87.87.87

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## \*THE BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### THE POSTLUDE

*Everyone is invited to place flowers and branches to transform our cross on the front lawn. Then throughout the morning, watch as it slowly transforms to create this beautiful symbol of the Resurrection.*

*The annual Easter Cross of Flowers creates a wonderful photographic background for pictures.*

*The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by Scott VanDerbeck and Zeb Lau to the Glory of God, and in honor of our parents, the late Rev. Kuok-Ding & Lilyc Bee-Jin Lau, and Bruce & Mitzie VanDerbeck.*



## SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 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.*

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor  
**Liturgists:** Rev. Andy Peabody, Associate Pastor  
Luke Murphy, Youth Minister Intern  
**Music:** Justin Bowen, Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist  
Steve Fazenbaker  
Amy Holloway

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## WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW

*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.



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

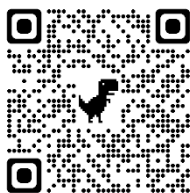
Visit [www.stmarkumc.org](http://www.stmarkumc.org) and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.

### 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



#### 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.

### New Members Sunday

If you would like to join Saint Mark UMC, please reach out to **Robert Gilleo** at **[RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org)**. The next New Member Sunday is just a few Sundays away.

## **Current COVID-19 Safety Guidelines**

If you are sick, please stay home. If you have come into contact with someone positive for COVID-19, follow the precautions recommended by the CDC. In order to care for our collective well-being, we strongly recommend that anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated do so, especially before participating in indoor activities.

## **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

## **General Conference Listening Sessions**

**Sunday, April 7 | After 2nd Service | Chapel**

**Wednesday, April 10 | Wednesday Night Supper | Wade Fellowship Hall**

Regarding our denomination's upcoming General Conference, which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, from April 23 to May 3. This is the postponed 2020 General Conference, which was delayed because of the pandemic. General Conference is the official legislative body of our denomination that is able to revise The Book of Discipline – the polity that governs our denomination, and The Book of Resolutions – the statements on social issues that represent the position of the denomination. The decisions that are made at General Conference will impact conferences and local churches across the denomination.

## **UMC101**

### **Young Adult Small Group | Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm | April 3rd - May 22nd**

Are you a young adult interested in learning more about Saint Mark's connection to the Methodist tradition? Join the young adult ministry in our upcoming UMC 101 small group series! Whether you're new to the United Methodist Church or grew up in the UMC, this series will provide you with a deeper understanding of Methodist beliefs, practices, and history. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, April 3rd - May 22nd at Saint Mark UMC.

## **Open Doors Planning Session**

### **Sunday, April 21 | After 2nd Service | Wade Hall**

For those who are interested in helping with Open Doors this year, we will have an informational and brainstorming session on Sunday, April 21. Our first Open Doors this year are:

- Sunday, May 19th
- Sunday, June 16th
- Sunday, July 28th

These are the same dates that Atlanta will be having Streets Alive! Peachtree St. will be closed to vehicle traffic and pedestrians will be free to walk, ride, or scoot down Peachtree St. from 1-5 pm. For more information, please contact, Pam Davis, at [fireflyrd@yahoo.com](mailto:fireflyrd@yahoo.com).

## **Mission Sunday | Thank You!**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our mission outreach for Wellroot Family Services earlier this month, packing Easter Baskets and Essential Kits for young adults in foster care. We packed close to 20 baskets and up to 33 cleaning kits, at this point. Wellroot Family Services, formerly known as the United Methodist Children's Home, is one of our extension ministries in the North Georgia Conference. Wellroot has been a long advocate and support for families and children across our state, with a mission to restore families and children from trauma through Jesus Christ. Later this year we will have the opportunity to hear from Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller, their Director of Community Development, who will share with us about the life-transforming work they are doing in the lives of families and children throughout Georgia.

### **Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners**

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org) no later than 5 PM Tuesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

Tickets: \$10 for seniors, \$11 general

April 3	BBQ Chicken
April 10	Homemade Lasagna
April 17	Baked Potato Bar
April 24	Low Country Boil (Shrimp and Sausage)
May 1	Taco Bar
May 8	BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken
May 15	Cookout (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs)

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

April 1	Church Offices Closed
April 3	Luther and Helen Smith Interview
April 21	Church Council
April 23 – May 3	General Conference   Charlotte, NC
April 28	Green Team Kick-off Meeting
May 5	Churchwide Celebration of our Volunteers
May 19	Streets Alive
June 3-7	Vacation Bible School   Lutheran Redeemer
June 13-15	North Georgia Annual Conference   Athens, GA
June 16	Streets Alive
July 10-12	Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference   Lake Junaluska, NC
July 28	Streets Alive

# EASTER LILIES

*We Celebrate Life!*



# *In Loving Memory*

Of...

From

Dr. Richard Adicks and Jennifer Adicks Harnage

Scott Dixon

Ruby Johnanne Carnes Allen

The Becker Family

Peggy Atkinson

The Becker Family

Gail and Frank Barber

Lee-Barber Family

Dr. Gene S. Barlow, my dad

Jenny Barlow

Floyd Barnett

The Becker Family

Betty A. Barron

Tommy Barron, Jr.

Louis and Alice Becker

Jerry Becker

Jan Bethards

John Klein

Jan Bethards

Laura Butler

Jimmy Bodker

Bill Cox

James Boulet

Robert Boulet

Tessie Boulet

Robert Boulet

Jeffrey Brown

Jerry Becker

Kelly Brown, my beloved daughter

Roger Brown

Ms. Kelly Brown

Robert L. Manning

Robert and May Brown

Greg Brown

Rudy Sr. and Mary Burlin

Ray Marchant

Harold and Frances Butler

Laura Butler

Jim and Pat Butler

Laura Butler

James Chandler

Timothy Swoger

Peg Chandler

Timothy Swoger

Kurt Collier

Scott Dixon

Ned and Charlotte Cox

Bill Cox

Mark Crouch

Paul Holland

Mark S. Dixon

Scott Dixon

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dixon

Scott Dixon

Mary duPont-McKendrick

Chip duPont

Lillian L. Evans

Carissa Evans

Carol Fechter

Joel Fechter

Chris and Charles Ford

Audra Dial

Rev. Vanna Fox

Laura Butler

Alice Fuller

Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens

Margaret and James Garnett

Paul Holland

James J. and Teresa A. Gilleo

Robert Gilleo

Lorenzo F. Gonzalez Sr.

Scott Dixon

Casey Goodman

Paul Holland

Tio Gordo

Madeline Pascavage

Diane Haase

Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens



# In Loving Memory

Of...

Dorothy Lou Hann and John Robert Hann  
Janis Hawkins, Diane Hawkins, and Lois King  
Doris Hawthorne  
Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Hawthorne  
Carol Hazen  
Florence R. Heaps  
Melba Henderson  
The Holland Family  
Rev. and Mrs. Ding and Lilyc Lau, parents of Zeb Lau  
Hazel and Ophery Lee  
Tim Lee  
Deborah June Long  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Manning, Jr.  
Mrs. Linda V. Manning  
Jackie and Mary Marchant  
Kenneth W. Martin  
Dr. Jesse Peel  
Keith Poss  
Georgianna Rothfus  
Oliver and Bernice Sampson  
Lisa Savage  
Don Schoner  
Herbert and Rosalie Seeling  
Dr. Darren Shoyer  
Wade Steverson  
Julietta Strickland  
Irene Swoger  
Marcia Swoger  
Jerry Varnedoe  
Walter William & Sylvia Klein  
Paul Winslow's mother Ruth Winslow  
Mary Woelper  
Christina Wofford  
Clifton Wofford  
Nicholas Wofford

From

Karen Livius  
Jerry Becker  
Scott Dixon  
Scott Dixon  
David Hazen  
Chip duPont  
Jason Henderson and Jay Varnedoe  
Paul Holland  
Zeb Lau and Scott Van Derbeck  
Lee-Barber Family  
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Katie Long  
Robert L. Manning  
Robert L. Manning  
Ray Marchant  
Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens  
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Chip duPont  
Audra Dial  
Buddy Wofford  
Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens  
John Seeling  
Eric Steverson  
Eric Steverson  
Scott Dixon  
Timothy Swoger  
Timothy Swoger  
Jason Henderson and Jay Varnedoe  
John Klein  
Kim and Paul Winslow  
Betsy Moore  
Buddy Wofford  
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# In Honor

## Of...

Roger Brown  
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Bill Sim Caldweel, III, Ph.D.  
Charles Vincent Caldwell  
Jane Douglas  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter R. Edelman  
Susan Fermer  
Duncan Ford  
Georgia Gonzalez  
Ms. Deana Hilton  
Amy Holloway  
Phil Hulst  
Penelope McCalley  
Betsy Moore  
Rev. Andy Peabody  
Kim Winslow's mother Lyn Reed  
The Saint Mark UMC Staff  
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Johnny Sims  
Sybil Smith  
Pastor Carolyn Stephens  
Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens  
Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens  
Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens  
Eric Steverson  
9AM Service Ushers and Greeter Team  
Mitzie and Bruce VanDerbeck, parents of Scott VanDerbeck  
Mr. Sattra Viriyacharontham  
The Youth of Saint Mark as they grow in their faith and love for others  
Marcia Zamora y Familia

## From

Robert L. Manning  
John Klein  
Eric Steverson  
Sarah Caldwell  
Sarah Caldwell  
Greg Brown  
Robert L. Manning  
David Hazen  
Audra Dial  
Eric Steverson  
Robert L. Manning  
Robert Gilleo  
Katie Rabalais  
Eric Steverson  
Katie Rabalais  
Laura Butler  
Kim and Paul Winslow  
Roger Brown  
Eric Steverson  
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Greg Brown  
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Laura Butler  
Zeb Lau and Scott VanDerbeck  
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