



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Nine O'clock

Fifth Sunday of Easter



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

9 AM Morning Worship

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

The Gathering

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!

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 158 | Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*The Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also, with you.

One: 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

John 15: 1-8

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Bear Fruit

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Hymn During Communion For Everyone Born

For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,
For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the po - wer,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
for wo - man and man, a sy - stem that's fair.
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com -
pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -
a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 368 | My Hope is Built

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

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

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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

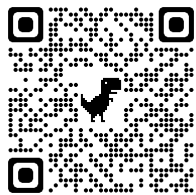
Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

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.



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.

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.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org no later than Noon Wednesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

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

- May 1 Taco Bar
- May 8 BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken
- May 15 Cookout (Hamburger and Hot Dogs)

Parking

Visiting with us throughout the week? Don't forget to validate. Members with cars registered in the system DO NOT need to validate.

Habitat for Humanity Build

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/habitat>

Saint Mark United Methodist will be again be participating in our Atlanta Habitat for Humanity build! This year, we're building a new home alongside Jemario, our homebuyer.

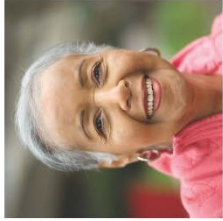
When we partner with Atlanta Habitat, we join them as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization by building quality, affordable homes alongside the homeowners themselves creating opportunities for families to thrive beyond the build and well into the future. Please join our build and encourage your family and friends!

Thank you, Meagan Williams!

As also shared in worship last week, today is Meagan Williams last Sunday with us. Meagan has been such a blessing to Saint Mark. She has done a wonderful job in building the young adult ministry, and has played a significant role, participating in leading worship. We are truly thankful for her invaluable contributions to the ministry of Saint Mark. We will celebrate Meagan with a farewell reception after the 11:00am worship service today. We invite you to come out and let Meagan know how thankful we are for her, and how much we appreciate her.



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IT'S TIME FOR

Camp Firelight
A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD
Psalm 56:3

731 PEACHTREE STREET NE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
JUNE 3-7, 9 AM- 1 PM

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION:
Volunteer Yourself!

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Scan here for Your VBS

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Email mdunn@stmarkumc.org

Colesbury Kids

INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO PRIDE AUCTION



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PRIDE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 13, 2024

WE'RE GEARING UP TO HOST ANOTHER PRIDE AUCTION THIS YEAR! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE PRIDE AUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR **JUNE 6TH TO 20TH** THIS YEAR.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRIDE COMMITTEE OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY AND IS NOT FUNDED THROUGH THE CHURCH BUDGET. THEREFORE WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR EVENTS POSSIBLE

YOUR PARTICIPATION, DONATIONS, AND INVOLVEMENT ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S AUCTION. WHETHER IT'S CONTRIBUTING ITEMS FOR AUCTION, VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME, OR SPREADING THE WORD, EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

TO COORDINATE DONATIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU EMAIL [DOEY BARRERA-DISLER AT BDFAMILY99@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DOEY.BARRERA-DISLER@BDFAMILY99@GMAIL.COM) WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE ITEMS YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE OR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Donations are accepted until May 17th.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Saint Mark UMC family.

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

DONATE ITEMS:

We encourage you to consider purchasing gift cards from your favorite restaurants, coffee house, or stores. Additionally, unique artwork, handmade crafts, gift certificates, or special items available locally would be appreciated. Every contribution, regardless of size, holds the power to positively impact those around us.

OFFER SERVICES:

Donate your time and skills. Whether it's providing a home-cooked meal, gardening services, or offering a music lesson, your talents can help diversity and enrich our auction, appealing to a wider audience.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to support the auction. These funds will be used to enhance the event and contribute to our Pride Activities.

SPREAD THE WORD

Share the news about our Pride Auction with friends, family, and colleagues who might be interested in participating. The more people involved, the greater impact we can make together.



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Join us for a church-wide celebration of our volunteers,
Sunday, May 5, after the 11:00 Service.