

**The People of Saint Mark United  
Methodist Church Gather to Worship**

**March 19, 2023**

**Gathering and Praise**

**Welcome and Announcements** Andy Tyler

**Prelude and Entrance of the Light of Christ** Diane Stewart  
*Amazing Grace*

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer** Mandy Turner

Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

**Rejoice in God's steadfast love.**

Rejoice in Christ's enduring grace.

**Rejoice in God's saving word.**

Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.

**Rejoice in God's healing presence.**

Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

Let us Pray:

**God of celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 185  
vv.1,3

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**\*The Apostles' Creed** UMH No. 881  
Mandy Turner

**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 he 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.**

**\*Glory Be to the Father** UMH No. 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen. Amen.*

**Hebrew Scripture Lesson** Psalm 45: 6-7 Mandy Turner

This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Invitation to the Children** FWS No. 2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worship-  
ping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.*

**Children's Time** Becky King

**Prayer and Thanksgiving**

**Personal Time of Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer** Andy Tyler

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, 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.**

**Hymn of Preparation** UMH No. 427  
vv. 1,4,6

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

**The Offering**

**Musical Offertory** Diane Stewart  
*Man of Sorrows*

**\*The Doxology** UMH No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures  
here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Offertory Prayer** Mandy Turner

**Message through Song** Chancel Choir  
*Tenderly Calling*

**Proclamation and Response**

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 22: 1-14

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
People: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Andy Tyler  
**Thy Kingdom Come: Grace with Responsibility**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn of Commitment** UMH No. 357  
vv. 1,3,5,6

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

**Invitation to Christian Response and Witness**

As we sing, an invitation is extended to all who desire membership in this church on Profession of Faith or by transfer of membership from another church. During the singing of the hymn, please come to the altar and be warmly greeted by the pastor and congregation.

**\*Benediction/Blessing** Andy Tyler  
**Following the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Sending Forth** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

*Come home, come home;  
you who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!*

**In preparation for next week:**

Matthew 25: 31-46

Psalm 98: 7-9

*\*All able are invited to stand*

**Weekly Happenings...**

**Prayer Group** meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

**W.O.W.** (Worship on Wednesday) is our mid-week program for children ages 4 years through 8th grade. A light meal is served at 5:30, followed by a time of learning Bible Stories, playing games, singing, and making crafts that reinforce what they have learned.

**Chancel Choir** - Our Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. This is a lively group that is dedicated to enhancing our morning worship through song. They always welcome new voices.

**Breadbasket** - Our food ministry is open each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to help with the food distribution. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

**Agape Groups** meet with a group leader each week at the times below. Groups are a time of fellowship and sharing. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the group of their choice. We are open to adding additional groups if these times do not work for you. Please contact the church office or the group leader on how to join a group.

- Monday 12:00 noon—Andy Tyler
- Friday 9:30 a.m.—Becky King

The Monday group is open to anyone and meets for lunch at Sunrise Grill. The Friday morning group is a ladies group.

**Sunday School Classes** are available for all age groups. We will be happy to help you find the class that is right for you.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 19-22**  
**6:00-8:30 P.M.**

Contact Becky King or the church office to volunteer

If you haven't completed a Ministry Opportunity Survey, forms are available outside of both sanctuary doors.

**Liturgical Colors**

The paraments during Lent are purple. Purple suggest repentance and solemnity.

**This Week at Saint Mark**

- Sunday, March 19**
- 9:00 a.m. Donut Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, March 20**
- 12 Noon: Lunch Agape at Sunrise Café
- 6 p.m. SPR Committee
- Tuesday, March 21**
- 1 -3 p.m. Breadbasket
- Wednesday, March 22**
- 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W.
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Friday, March 24**
- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Agape

**Please be praying for:**

If you have a prayer need, please let us know and we will pass the information on to our Prayer Chain.

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| Fred Bennett          | West Bennett  | Pauline Conner      |
| DeAnn Davis           | Bennie Jewett | Sam Samuels         |
| Jerry Rives           | Tom Rose      | Sue Whitacre        |
| Owen Saporito         | Melissa Cole  | Paul Alejandro      |
| Amy Thomas            | Tom Anderson  | Gloria Anderson     |
| Charles Beasley       | Gary Gadison  | James Harsh         |
| Louise Graves         | Zay Hewitt    | Tony Montalbano     |
| Morgan Schott         | Gary Miller   | Kay Fenn            |
| Micki & Chester Story |               | Roger & Janet Smith |
| Gary Atkins           |               |                     |

**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Worship Leader</b> | Mandy Turner             |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | <b>Offering Stewards</b> |
| Bill Conover          | Eric Bonin               |
| Ken Miser             | Perry Gott               |

Ministers: The People of St. Mark UMC  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Andy Tyler  
 Children's Ministry Coordinator: Becky King  
 Choir Director: Santhia Collins  
 Accompanist: Diane Stewart

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METHODIST CHURCH**

*"Making disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching upward to God and outward to God's people."*

**March 19, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**