



Sunday, January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Welcome!!

Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation
Kit Gage, Friends of Sligo Creek
Laurel Police Department and Other Local Officials

Order of Service

Cynthia Augustus, Liturgist

Welcome

Whether you regularly worship at St. Mark's United Methodist or whether you're visiting with us, we encourage you to open your hearts and minds to what says the Lord. If you are a visitor, interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church feel free to contact the church at 301.776.8885 | emailstmarkslmd@gmail.com | Pastor Matthews directly (443.257.2730 | reveugene@comcast.net). Our doors are always open, welcome.

Note: *As we continue with our virtual services, please consider turning on your cameras and using the chat to engage in the service.*

Gathering Song.....**"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"** (Hymnal, #334)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Greeting/Call to Worship**Ms. Cynthia**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O GOD!

Jaime: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house.

Jaime: And you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life.

Jaime: In your light we see light.

Leader: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you.

Jaime: May your salvation continue to the upright of heart.

Hymn of Praise“God of Love and God of Power”
(sing along)

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| 1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour. | 3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour. |
| 2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour. | 4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour. |

Prayer of Confession and AssuranceMs. Cynthia

Lord God, forgive us when we misuse your gifts for our glory. Forgive us when we fail to serve those in need that you send us to serve. Forgive us when our activities call attention to our actions instead of your love for this world. Forgive us for what we fail to say and do. Strengthen your Holy Spirit within us so that we may boldly proclaim, **JESUS IS LORD! Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(song by Andrea Bocelli)*

The Invocation

Song of Meditation — “Take It to the Lord in Prayer”
(featuring Aeolians of Oakwood University)

The Prayer of IlluminationMs. Cynthia

Loving God may the words from scripture today strengthen our gifts of service for thee. May our gifts of music, finance, trusteeship, healings, ushering, liturgists, worship participants and faithful worshipers become more dedicated to you this year. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1Jaime
(1 Corinthians 12:1–11, Common English Bible)

Spiritual Gifts

12 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. **2** You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. **3** So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. **4** There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; **5** and there are different ministries and the same Lord; **6** and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. **7** A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. **8** A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, **9** faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, **10** performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. **11** All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Scripture Reading #2Cynthia
(Luke 4:21–30, Common English Bible)

21 He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

22 Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

23 Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" **24** He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. **25** And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. **26** Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27** There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

28 When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. **29** They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. **30** But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”Ms. Cynthia

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

The Affirmation of Faith — “The Apostles’ Creed”Ms. Cynthia

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 Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried:
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on 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.

The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father”Ms. Cynthia

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.**

*An Order for the Installation or
Recognition of Leaders in the Church*

***Persons being installed and congregation: When the pastor reads a statement that
requires a response (I do or I will), if you are on camera, you can wave your
hand, or off camera, you can raise your hand.***

Dear friends,

you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the
church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your
special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for
accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this
people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known
in your witness and your work.

Today we install:

- Nena Hughes—Church Council Chair
- Millicent George—Church Council Secretary
- Desiree Vanloo—Church Lay Leader

Andrea Gibson—Finance Chair
Cynthia Burley—Church Treasurer
Deidre Burley-Ballard—Church Financial Secretary
Jaime Whitfield-Coffen—Staff Pastor Parish Relations (SPRC) Chair
David Burley, Sr.—Trustee Chair
Sandra Johnson—Church Historian
Cynthia Whitfield—Nurture Coordinator/Worship Coordinator (UMW)
Jacqueline Jones, Millicent George—Outreach Coordinators
Desiree Vanloo—Witness Coordinator
Charles Gregg—United Methodist Men (UMM)

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

[We also recognize those persons who have been elected to office by the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and United Methodist Youth (and other organizations as appropriate.)]

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds:

We will.

Hymn of Preparation — “God Is Working” *(featuring Deon Kipping)*

Inspirational Message **Rev. Eugene W. Matthews**

“Many Parts — One Body”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection — “My Help”

(featuring Alfred Street Baptist Church Virtual Choir)

Announcements

Benediction

Special Presentation — “Sacred Grounds”

Naomi Edelson, *National Wildlife Federation*

Kit Gage, *Friends of Sligo Creek*

Announcements

Pastor's Hrs. — Tuesday and Thursday (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)
Millicent Hrs. — Tuesday and Thursday (10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Pray Daily at Noon

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



Note: We are fast approaching February, if you have a birthday or anniversary, please let Cynthia know.

Note: Your 2021 Contributions have been mailed.

The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

January 31st thru February 6th

Day 31 – Exodus 1: 8—2:10

Day 32 – Exodus 2:11–25

Day 33 – Exodus 3:1–22

Day 34 – Exodus 4:1–17

Day 35 – Exodus 5:1–23

Day 36 – Exodus 6:1–13

Day 37 – Exodus 7:1–14

Tuesday Men's Bible Study (7:00 p.m.) — Zoom information/call in: [Click Here To Join Zoom Meeting](#). Copy and paste into your browser if the link above does not work:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84876087048?pwd=K201NEwzWmplMFZMenVqTnJlL0d0QT09>; **Meeting ID:** 848 7608 7048, **Passcode:** 803201; **Phone Option** — One tap mobile: +13017158592,,84876087048#,,, *803201# US (Washington DC)

Wednesday Night Experience (7:15 p.m.) — This is our weekly Bible Study, based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room. **Call in #267.807.9611;** **Access Code: 331960.** Study Lead this week will be **Rev. Terry McCain.**

Note from Finance: First, let us give a big thank you to all that have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church and place it in church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD 20707)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarks/md>)

Again, thank you. Just remember, even during the pandemic, the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

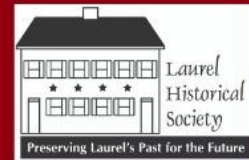
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

The Laurel Historical Society's Black History Month presentation is entitled, ***"Food and Faith at St. Mark's Church and The Grove"***. The virtual (ZOOM) program will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Ten members from St. Mark's will discuss the importance of food and community cooking in the Grove. Please support our members by viewing this Webinar.

Registration is required:

1. Go to the website www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org
2. Click the **HOME** tab
3. At the bottom of the Laurel Historical Society Virtual Program for Thursday, February 10, 2022 picture, click **Register today!**
4. You will then get to the **Webinar Registration** page
5. After registering for the Webinar, attendees will receive an email prior to the program with instructions to connect via ZOOM.

Laurel Historical Society Virtual Program



Thursday, February 10, 2022- 7:00 pm Food and Faith at St. Mark's Church and The Grove

Cooking and good eating have always been important to the African Americans of the Laurel Grove. Whether you were celebrating Emancipation Day or purchasing food at St. Mark's dinners, you knew you would be eating delicious food!

Celebrate Black History Month and the opening of the Laurel Museum's new exhibit, *What's Cookin, Laurel?* with parishioners from St. Mark's United Methodist Church to discuss the importance of food and community cooking in The Grove.

This virtual program is free and open to the public, but registration is required using the link in the post or on our website.

After registering for the webinar, attendees will receive an email prior to the program with instructions to connect via Zoom.

Donations are accepted through our online shop:
https://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org/store/p120/Virtual_Program_Donation.html



ST. MARK'S, IT'S TIME TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!!

Because of COVID 19, the 2022 Winter Shelter is being held at the Comfort Inn in Beltsville. Men, women, and children are being housed in the shelter. Below is a Donations List of items that are needed for the shelter residents. Since we are not worshipping in the Sanctuary, the items can be brought to St. Mark's on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** The final drop-off will be **Saturday, February 19th** (11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.). Please remember how God has blessed you, and now it is time for you to bless others in need!!

DONATIONS LIST for Winter Shelter

Non-Perishable Food

Juice Boxes
Individual Cereal
Snack Items (Bulk - Popcorn, Chips, Cookies, Crackers, Candy Bars, etc.)

Cleaning Supplies:

Disinfectant Wipes
Fabric Softener'
Dryer Sheets
Lysol Spray
Cleaning Solutions (Spray Bottles)
Laundry Detergent (Pods)
Clorox Bleach

Baby Supplies:

Baby Food (Size 4,5,6 & Pull-ups)
Baby wipes
Pampers
Baby lotion, soaps, powder
Baby Tylenol/pain relief
Baby Lotion
Children's underwear boys and girls
 Toddler (2T-6T)
 Little Kid (4-6X)
 Big Kid or Tween (7-16)

Hygiene Kits (Male & Female)

Deodorant
Razors
Shaving Cream
Comb-Brush
Toothpaste / Toothbrush
Axe Body Spray
Liquid Soap
Shampoo
Lotion
Feminine Hygiene pads

Transportation

Uber / Lyft
Smartrip Metro Cards

Retail Gift Cards

Walmart
Target
Macy's
Big Lots
Best Buy
Gift Cards
Visa
Master
Amex
Discover

Food Gift Cards

McDonald's,
Wendy's,
Subway
Popeye's
KFC
Chipotle
Duncan Donuts
Olive Garden

Grocery Store Gift Cards

Sam's Club
Costco
Bj's



*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...
Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone that needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact:
Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home),
reveugene@comcast.net)

*Condolences to families of
Mrs. Rosa N. Smith (Ms. Cynthia's Aunt)
Ancil Harding (Gemma's Father)*

*Homegoing Service for
Veronica L. Bailey*

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Ebenezer AME Church | 7707 Allentown Rd. | Ft. Washington, MD

Millicent George, James Wilson Sr., Chantel Ashley, Beverly Wright, Phillip Reese, Larry Powell, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia's Mom); Hayden Harris (Gemma's cousin), Floyd Hughes Sr., Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Marvin Hebron, Shelford Henry, Francis Desouza (Gemma's son), Eric Smith, Nena Hughes, Gloria Thomas, Jeanette Reeves, Rev. George F. DeFord, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone / Pat Mundell, Joan Moore, Ernestine Gibson, Mildred Awkward, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Nancy Daniels, Hannah Polk

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