



Sunday, February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday
Black History Month
Service of Songs
Order of Service

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..... **Cynthia**

You whom I have taken from the end of the earth, and called from its furthest regions, and to whom I have said you are my children, I have chosen you and have not forgotten you. Behold my people whom I uphold, my chosen ones in whom my soul delights. I have put my spirit upon you. You will bring justice to the world. You will bring forth justice for truth. You will not fail or be discouraged till you have brought justice in the earth. I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness and will hold your hand; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the world, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from prison. I am the Lord, that is my name, and my glory I will not give to another. Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare. *(based on Isaiah 41 and 42)*

Hymn of Praise **“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**
(song by Mary Mary at Super Bowl)

Prayer of Thanks and Praise **Cynthia**

God of love, peace, and unity, we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are; for making us equal as your children from all corners of the earth; and for giving us your blessings as your children; and for making us belong. We pray that you help us realize that we are all made in your image, and we need to bring peace to all your creation as one people who belong to you. We ask all this through Christ our brother. **Amen.**

Solo **The Lord’s Prayer** *(Yolanda Adams)*

The Invocation

Selection **The Lord Is My Shepherd** *(Whitney Houston w/Sissy Houston)*

Selection **Jesus Is the Light** *(The Florida Mass Choir)*

Selection **Psalm 150** *(VaShawn Mitchell)*

Black History Moment **The Slave Bible
History Behind Wade in the Water**

Selection **Go Down Moses** *(Paul Robeson)*

Selection **Wade in the Water** *(Cynthia Liggins Thomas)*

Black History Quotes

Selection **For Every Mountain** *(Kurt Carr)*

Selection **He Has Never Failed Me Yet** *(Lomax Sisters)*

Black History Quotes

Selection **My Help** *(Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir)*

Selection **What Is This** *(7 Sons of Soul)*

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

Selection **I Can Only Imagine** *(Tamela Mann)*

Selection **Total Praise** *(Richard Smallwood)*

Announcements

Benediction

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

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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: Rev. Matthews in consultation with the District Superintendent, Board of Trustees, SPRC Chair and Church Council Chair, wish to announce that on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**, St. Mark's congregation will return to the sanctuary for in-person worship. However, the service will also be available via Zoom. As we re-enter the protocols previously observed will continue until further notice. We are continuing to follow the guidelines of the State, County and Baltimore–Washington Conference.

The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

February 28th – March 6th

Day 59 – Joshua 2:1–24

Day 63 – Joshua 10:1–15

Day 60 – Joshua 3:1–17

Day 64 – Joshua 23:1–16

Day 61 – Joshua 5:13–6:27

Day 65 – Joshua 24:1–31

Day 62 – Joshua 7:1–26

Tuesday, March 1st (7:00 p.m.) **Men's Bible Study (ALL MEN INVITED)** — 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, March 2nd (7:00 p.m.) — **Ash Wednesday** service. This service will be held on Zoom. Please have your ashes available for the blessing. **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85241368305?pwd=Ync2Rm54Y2VxREc5RFZLMGMvMkYzdz09>; Meeting ID: 852 4136 8305; Passcode: Church

Wednesday Night Experience (7:15 p.m.) — **NO CLASS THIS WEEK.** This is our weekly Bible Study, based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room. **Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960.**

Thursday, March 3rd (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal.**

Tuesday, March 8th (6:30 p.m.) — **Ladies Roundtable.** New ministry for women of the congregation to discuss issues of the heart. Join us for this opening session to discuss how you would like to see this ministry move forward.

Monday, March 14th (7:00 p.m.) — The **Committee on Nominations** will meet via conference call: **267-807-9611; Access Code: 331960.**

Link for **Sacred Grounds Pledge:** <https://support.nwf.org/page/37119/survey/1>. The deadline to register for the plants are **April 1st**. Flowers will be distributed on Mother's Day.



Exhibition Opened **Friday, February 18th** at
The Laurel Museum, 817 Main Street, Laurel, MD;
Hours 12:00–4:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday

“Grace”

A world-premiere musical by Nolan Williams, Jr., celebrating African-American food, family and tradition. Packed with an eclectic mix of styles including jazz, R&B, rousing up-tempo and raise-the-roof ballads, Grace is an electrifying musical feast celebrating the perseverance of family and the power of traditions. Created by Washington, D.C.,’s own celebrated composer Nolan Williams, Jr., Grace examines the little-told history of African-American culinary tradition and the challenges faced by Black-owned businesses. The musical captures a day in the life of the Mintons, a Philadelphia family who gather to mourn the loss of their matriarch and deal with the future of their family restaurant in a changing neighborhood. Heartfelt and hopeful, timely and timeless, Grace is the new American musical where, although family comes first, everyone has a seat at the table. With memorable titles such as “Three Okra Seeds” and “Potlikker” and “When Gran’Me Cooked,” every song holds a story to savor.

If you are interested in attending the play, I’m trying to get a group of 10 or more to participate, please let me know as soon as possible. The play is running from March 18th through May 14th

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.



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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:
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reveugene@comcast.net)

Gail Edwards (Gemma’s cousin), Millicent George, James Wilson Sr. (Shimaine’s grandfather), 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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