

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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"We come together at St. Mark's to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world."

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Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, April 10, 2022



Order of Service

Min. Nena Hughes, Worship Leader

Prelude **Rev. Henry Tindal**

Lighting of the Candles **Usher**

Gathering Song..... **St. Mark's Choir/Congregation**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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 (*Unison*)

As a testimony to your faithfulness to us, O King of the Universe, you sent Jesus on the back of a donkey. Remind us on this glorious day of entry that the same people who shouted, “Hosanna in the highest heaven” are those who at the end of the week shouted, “Crucify Him”! May we beware as we stand before friends and foes to not betray or deny our Lord as did his closest friends. So today in sincerity we shout: “HOSANNA, HOSANNA, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD” **Amen.**

“Hosanna, Blessed Be the Rock”

Oh magnify the Lord
For He is worthy to be praised
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Hosanna
Blessed be the rock
Blessed be the rock of my salvation
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Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Unison*)

Gracious God, you know our every grief, our every need. Hear us as we recall the periods of time when our strength failed, when we betray you, when we deny you and when we scorn you. Forgive us, O Lord, of the failings and give us a new and steadfastness of faith to hold on to our faith, strengthen us to walk with you in trust, even on a path that leads us to the cross. In Christ's name we pray
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

The Invocation.....**Min. Nena Hughes**
Song of Meditation **St. Mark's Choir**

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Holy Lord, on this, on this day our Savior, rode into the city of Jerusalem, ride again in our hearts through the reading and application of your Holy Word. May the results of this teaching enable us to live lives that reflect the true meaning of the life of our MERCIFUL SAVIOR. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1**Min. Nena Hughes**
(*Isaiah 50:4–9a, Common English Bible*)

God's faithful servant

⁴The Lord God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.^[a]

God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.
5 The Lord God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.
6 Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.
I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.
7 The Lord God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.
Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.
8 The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?
Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me.
9 Look! The Lord God will help me.
Who will condemn me?
Look, they will wear out like clothing;
the moth will eat them.

Scripture Reading #2**Min. Nena Hughes**
(*Philippians 2:5–11, Common English Bible*)

5 Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:
6 Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
7 But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of
death,
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
10 so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
11 and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Blessing of Offering.....Min. Nena Hughes
Offertory

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Scripture Reading #3Min. Nena Hughes
(Luke 19:28–40, Common English Bible)

²⁸ After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

Procession into Jerusalem

²⁹ As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. ³⁰ He said, “Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” ³² Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “Its master needs it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. ³⁶ As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

³⁷ As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. ³⁸ They said,

“Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!”

⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.**

Hymn of Preparation St. Mark's Choir

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

“Hungering and Thirsting”

Matthew 5:6, CEB

⁶ *“Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.*

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection St. Mark’s Choir

Announcements

Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Benediction

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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.



The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

April 11th – April 17th

Day 101 — 1 Kings 1:5–27	Day 105 — 1 Kings 6:1–38
Day 102 — 1 Kings 1:28–53	Day 106 — 1 Kings 10:1–13
Day 103 — 1 Kings 3:1–15	Day 107 — 1 Kings 12:1–24
Day 104 — 1 Kings 3:16–28	

Men’s Bible Study — On Hiatus until mid-April

Ladies Roundtable (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.) — Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84500345294?pwd=TUR4ZGpySU5ub0E1blhUQVNnQW9YQT09>; Meeting ID: 845 0034 5294;

Passcode: 538161. One tap mobile:

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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.

Thursday, April 14th (7:00 p.m.) —**Choir** rehearsal. **Requesting the Men's Choir to come sing with us for Easter Sunday**

Sunday, May 22nd (3:00 p.m.) — Rev. Matthews will be inducted into the Preachers Hall of Fame. This will be the **Fourteenth Induction Ceremony** via ZOOM. The annual recognition service honors and preserves the legacy of retired and deceased Preachers.

To commemorate this outstanding event, a beautiful souvenir booklet will be published. We invite you to participate in this event by purchasing an ad for the celebration and join us for this grand occasion. **Prices for the ads are as follows:**

Full Page — \$160.00	Inside Front — \$250.00
Half Page — \$80.00	Inside Back —\$250.00
1/3 Page — \$54.00	Event Sponsor – \$300.00
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Business Card — \$30.00	Preacher Sponsor — \$200.00
Mr. & Mrs. —\$16.00	Patron —\$10.00

We request that your **camera-ready** ads be submitted by April 18th. All items may be sent electronically to preachers.hall.offame@gmail.com. All checks may be made out to Preachers Hall of Fame and sent to 696 West Watersville Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Should you have any questions, please direct them to Rev. Dr. Douglas Sands, 301-829-2180.



Exhibition Opened at **The Laurel Museum**,
817 Main Street, Laurel
Hours 12:00–4:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday

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/stmarkslmd>)

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



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

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

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