

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, July 17, 2022

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Service

Ushers: Gemma Desouza-Ottley and Sharon Thomas

Sister Erica Roy, Worship Leader

PreludeRev. 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 WorshipSister Erica Roy

Leader: Praise the Lord! We gather and give thanks to God.

People: **How incredible are the works of our God!**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, faithful and just.

People: **Holy and awesome is God's name.**

Leader: Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord.

People: **May our praise go on forever.**

All: **We have come today to thank and praise God for Jesus.**

“Blessed Assurance”

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
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praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **[Refrain]**
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **[Refrain]**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Unison*)

Dear God, we confess that we are far from a united Christian community. We are fragmented people because we have created division by the way we regard one another in the church and in the world. Sometimes we have even failed as good stewards of your possessions. Forgive us for failing to be the incarnation of love that Jesus exemplified from his birth to his death, reconciling us to you, O God. May we then become reconcilers in his name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) **St. Mark's Choir**

The Invocation.....**Sister Erica Roy**

Song of Meditation **St. Mark's Choir**

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scripture today. Help us to hear them in a new way. May our meditations

and actions be acceptable to God and may the peace of Christ be with us. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1**Sister Erica Roy**
(2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27, Common English Bible)

1 After Saul's death, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, he stayed in Ziklag two days.

¹⁷ Then David sang this funeral song for Saul and his son Jonathan.

¹⁸ David ordered everyone in Judah to learn the Song of the Bow.
(In fact, it is written in the scroll from Jashar.)

¹⁹ Oh, no, Israel! Your prince lies dead on your heights.

Look how the mighty warriors have fallen!

²⁰ Don't talk about it in Gath;

don't bring news of it to Ashkelon's streets,
or else the Philistines' daughters will rejoice;
the daughters of the uncircumcised will celebrate.

²¹ You hills of Gilboa!

Let there be no dew or rain on you,
and no fields yielding grain offerings.

Because it was there that the mighty warrior's shield was defiled—
the shield of Saul!—never again anointed with oil.

²² Jonathan's bow never wavered from the blood of the slain,
from the gore of the warriors.

Never did Saul's sword return empty.

²³ Saul and Jonathan! So well loved, so dearly cherished!

In their lives and in their deaths they were never separated.

They were faster than eagles,
stronger than lions!

²⁴ Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul!

He dressed you in crimson with jewels;
he decorated your clothes with gold jewelry.

²⁵ Look how the mighty warriors have fallen in the midst of battle!
Jonathan lies dead on your heights.

²⁶ I grieve for you, my brother Jonathan!

You were so dear to me!

Your love was more amazing to me than the love of women.

²⁷ Look how the mighty warriors have fallen!

Look how the weapons of war have been destroyed!

Scripture Reading #2**Sister Erica Roy**
(2 Corinthians 8:7-15, *Common English Bible*)

⁷ Be the best in this work of grace in the same way that you are the best in everything, such as faith, speech, knowledge, total commitment, and the love we inspired in you. ⁸ I'm not giving an order, but by mentioning the commitment of others, I'm trying to prove the authenticity of your love also. ⁹ You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although he was rich, he became poor for your sakes, so that you could become rich through his poverty.

¹⁰ I'm giving you my opinion about this. It's to your advantage to do this, since you not only started to do it last year but you wanted to do it too. ¹¹ Now finish the job as well so that you finish it with as much enthusiasm as you started, given what you can afford. ¹² A gift is appreciated because of what a person can afford, not because of what that person can't afford, if it's apparent that it's done willingly. ¹³ It isn't that we want others to have financial ease and you financial difficulties, but it's a matter of equality. ¹⁴ At the present moment, your surplus can fill their deficit so that in the future their surplus can fill your deficit. In this way there is equality. ¹⁵ As it is written, *The one who gathered more didn't have too much, and the one who gathered less didn't have too little.*

Tithes and Offering

Blessing of Offering.....**Sister Erica Roy**

Selection **St. Mark's Choir**

Scripture Reading #3**Sister Erica Roy**
(Mark 5: 21-43, *Common English Bible*)

²¹ Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. ²² Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him, "My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. ²⁵ A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. ²⁷ Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up

behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. ²⁸ She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. ²⁹ Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed.

³⁰ At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ His disciples said to him, "Don't you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it.

³³ The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He responded, "Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?"

³⁶ But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." ³⁷ He didn't allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James' brother. ³⁸ They came to the synagogue leader's house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "What's all this commotion and crying about? The child isn't dead. She's only sleeping." ⁴⁰ They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child's parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was.

⁴¹ Taking her hand, he said to her, "*Talitha koum,*" which means, "Young woman, get up." ⁴² Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked!

⁴³ He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

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

“Share and Share Alike”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call Rev. Eugene W. Matthews

Invitation Selection St. Mark’s Choir

Announcements

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 Kumeh-Poh family, whose historical roots are in Liberia, will be worshipping with us on **Sunday, July 31st**, for our morning worship and they will be observing a “Reunion of Prayer” service with us. Sister Gbeh-Kumeh-Korta, a member of our congregation, is also a member of the Kumeh family. Her uncle, Marcus Kumeh is the coordinator of the weekend celebration. Additional information will be forthcoming as related to how we will accommodate the Kumeh-Poh family for their family celebration. To welcome our guest, we will reserve the first 4 rows on the pulpit for their family.

Kudos to Cynthia Augustus, Charlotte Thomas and Sharon Thomas for agreeing to co-chair Women’s Day

Thank You

Ushers and Liturgist Needed

The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

July 18th – July 24th

Day 199 — John 6: 22–40	Day 202 — Matthew 15:32—16:12
Day 200 — John 6: 41–71	Day 203 — Mark 8:22—9:1
Day 201 — Mark7: 1–37	Day 204 — Luke 9:28–45
	Day 205 — Matthew 17:24—18:6

Ladies Roundtable — On hiatus (*watch for startup date*)

Wednesday Night Experience — On hiatus, classes resume September 7th

Thursday, July 23rd (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir** rehearsal



Saturday, September 3rd (8:00 a.m., Rain or Shine) — **10th Annual In-Person & Virtual Diabetes 5K Run/Walk/Fun Walk** at **Alice B. McCullough Field** (Montgomery & Eighth Street, Laurel,

MD). USATF Certified Course professionally timed by **Blue Cheetah Sports Timing, LLC**. For Online Registration/Additional Information go to **Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5k**.



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

Group Outing — I have reserved 20 orchestra seats to see “**Tina – The Musical**” at the National Theater (Washington, DC) on **Saturday, October 15th** at 2:00 pm. **Tickets: \$115 per ticket**. Reserve your ticket, you can make payments with all money being due by **September 11th**. As usual, we will try to provide transportation.

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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Variety Dinner Sale

Friday, July 22, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Donation \$15.00

Order Form

(will deliver 5 or more orders to one destination)

Standard Dinner

¼ Chicken (white or dark meat) or **Fish**

2 Sides (choose) Green Beans
 Potato Salad
 Macaroni & Cheese, Bread

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Soda/Water (assorted flavors) (\$1.00 each)	
Dessert (cakes and pies) \$2.00	

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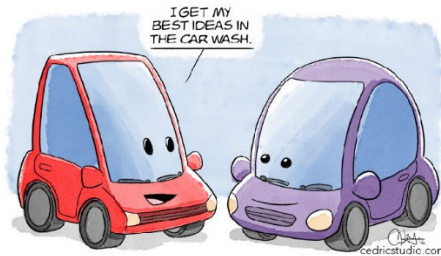
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CAR WASH

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**Saturday, July 30, 2022
11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Donations Required



For Sale

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers
Chips, Water, Sodas**

Proceeds to benefit Emancipation Day 2022



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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)

All branches of the Military, Anthony Latney, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Shawn Settles, Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Gail Edwards (Gemma’s cousin), Chantel Ashley, Beverly Wright, Phillip Reese, Larry Powell, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia’s Mom); Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Marvin Hebron, Francis Desouza (Gemma’s son), Eric Smith, Nena Hughes, Gloria Thomas, Rev. George F. DeFord, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Joan Moore, Ernestine Gibson, Mildred Awkward, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk

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