

# *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, October 2, 2022*

*World Communion Sunday*

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Order of Service*

*Ushers:*

*Ralph Laquerre*

*Brother Thomas Matthews, 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 ..... Brother Thomas Matthews**

Leader: Around the world people are gathering to break bread together.

**People: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**People: As part of that body, we join in faith with all people of faith.**

Leader: Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**People: We who share in the banquet come eagerly to be fed.**

**ALL: Come, let us break bread and drink wine together with our brothers and sisters around the world.**

**Hymn of Praise..... Choir/Congregation**

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
- 4 Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** (*Unison*)

Lord, on this **Worldwide Communion Sunday** help us to examine our hearts so that we may pay proper respect to Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Thank you for offering reconciliation to all humankind, the forgiveness of sin through Christ our High Priest. We are truly sorry for our wrongdoings and shortcomings and for the sins of commissions. As we draw near to your Holy Table, we thank you for providing the bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls. In Jesus name , we pray. **Amen.**

**The Invocation..... Brother Thomas Matthews**  
**Song of Meditation ..... St. Mark’s Choir**

**The Prayer of Illumination** (*Unison*)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every WORD that comes from your mouth, make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading #1** ..... **Brother Thomas Matthews**  
(*Psalm 60:1–5, King James Version*)

**60** O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

<sup>2</sup> Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

<sup>3</sup> Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

<sup>4</sup> Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

<sup>5</sup> That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

**Scripture Reading #2** ..... **Brother Thomas Matthews**  
(*2 Timothy 1:1–14, King James Version*)

**1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

<sup>4</sup> Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

<sup>5</sup> When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

<sup>6</sup> Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

<sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

<sup>8</sup> Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

<sup>9</sup> Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

<sup>10</sup> But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

<sup>11</sup> Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

<sup>12</sup> For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

<sup>13</sup> Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

### **Tithes and Offering**

**Blessing of Offering..... Brother Thomas Matthews**

**Selection ..... St. Mark's Choir**

**Scripture Reading #3 ..... Brother Thomas Matthews**  
*(Luke 17:5–10, King James Version)*

<sup>5</sup> And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

<sup>7</sup> But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

<sup>8</sup> And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

<sup>9</sup> Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

<sup>10</sup> So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

**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**

*“The Wine of Astonishment”*

**Praise and Prayer Concerns**

**Invitation / Altar Call ..... Rev. Eugene W. Matthews**

**Invitation Selection ..... St. Mark’s Choir**

*Holy Communion*

*Rev. Eugene W. Matthews, Celebrant*

*Thanksgiving and Communion*

**TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth, And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,  
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to  
witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and  
one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung by choir)*

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

*The pastor breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:*

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we  
all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing  
in the body of Christ.

*The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:*

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of  
Christ.

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other  
words being exchanged:*

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

*The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given.*

*When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order.*

*The following prayer is then offered by the pastor or by all:*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which  
you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the  
name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

**Welcome of Visitors**

**Announcements**



## Pastor's Special Moment

### Dismissal with Blessing

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**



## *Happy Birthday October Members*

*Deborah Carey – 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*Rev. Dr. George F. DeFord – 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*Judith James – 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*Tyrik Smith – 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Jerral Fisher – 12<sup>th</sup>*  
*Lila DeFord – 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Jaden Coffen – 28<sup>th</sup>*



## *Anniversary*

*Thomas and Tina Matthews – 1<sup>st</sup> (28 yrs.)*

# *Announcements*

**Reminder from Pastor Matthews:** With the new variants of Covid, please remember to wear your mask while you are in the sanctuary.

## **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:

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Day 276 — Matthew 28:16–20	Day 279 — Acts 1:12–26
Day 277 — Luke 24:44–53	Day 280 — Acts 2:1–13
Day 278 — Acts 1:1–11	Day 281 — Acts 2:14–40
	Day 282 — Acts 2:41–4:4

**Ladies Roundtable** (6:30 p.m.) — **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Zoom information forthcoming.

**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, October 6<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) —**Choir** rehearsal

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** (2:00 p.m.) — “**Paint & Fellowship**” — Women of St. Mark’s please join us at the church for an afternoon of fun fellowship. Image we will be painting “**LOVE**”.



Everyone asked to bring a **dish to share**.

Donation for canvas and paints: **\$20**. For additional information and to RSVP, please see Ms. Cynthia.

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 a.m.) — **132<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary** — “**God Is Not Through With Us Yet**”. Preacher of the hour, Rev. Dr. Douglas B. Sands, Sr. **Please be present and bring a family member or friend**. If possible, a sacrificial offering is \$1 for each year is requested.

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** (6:00 p.m.) — **Annual Church Conference**. **All reports should be in**.

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 a.m.) — **Annual Women’s Day**. Additional information forthcoming on theme and speaker (if you have any suggestions, please reach out to Women’s Day Committee (Cynthia Augustus, Charlotte and Sharon Thomas). Our color this year will be an array of Fall colors and women are asked to get a sacrificial donation of \$100.

**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/stmarks1md>)

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

EMANCIPATION DAY COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS  
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**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](mailto:reveugene@comcast.net))

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