



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Children of God Are . . .

*FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE*

June 27, 2021

*Rev. Eugene W. Matthews,
Pastor*

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

*St. Mark's UMC
Children's Sunday*

Order of Service

Children's Day Welcome **Eli Coffen**

Gathering Song..... **“This is the Day**
(sing along with Fred Hammond)

Greeting/Call to Worship **Jaime Coffen/Cynthia Augustus**

Jaime: This is the day we gather to celebrate the sacredness of children. We come thanking God for children and longing to keep our young brothers and sisters safe.

Cynthia A: This is the day we rejoice together as God's children. Some of us are young. Some of us are older. But we all are children of a mighty God. Together we will learn from one another. Together we will praise God!

Hymn of Praise **Lord You're Mighty**
(sing along with Youthful Praise)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance **Isaiah Brooks**

Dear Lord, we come before You as Your children to give You honor and praise. You are the One and Only true God, the Giver of life and the Sustainer of our souls. Responding to Your great mercy, we need to confess how we have sinned and fallen short of the people You created us to be.

The Lord's Prayer..... *The Boys and Girls Choir of Harlem*

A Child's Prayer..... **Alexandra Dustin**

Song of Meditation “Why Do We Sing”
(Video featuring Children of the Gospel Virtual Choir)

Celebrating Our Students!

Prayer Over Our Students (Rev. Matthews)

The Prayer of Illumination **Isaiah Brooks**

God of forever and right now,
By your spirit
open our ears to hear your word to us this day
in scripture, in sermon, in poem, and in song.
Open our eyes to see your word to us
in children’s faces, in troubling statistics, in our action together.
Open our hearts to feel your word to us
in the warmth of love, in the ache of sadness, in the energy of commitment.
Amen.

Scripture Reading **David Burley III**
Psalm 139:14 — International Children’s Bible

¹⁴ I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well. **Amen**

Children’s Day Reading #1

Good Enough **Nina Settles**

Children’s Day Reading #2

As You Grow **Micha Settles**

Children’s Day Reading # 3

God Hears **Kamille Quick**

Musical Selection “I’m Blessed”
(featuring Mississippi Children’s Choir)

Introduction of Speaker **Jaime Coffen**

Inspirational Message **Ufuoma O. Agarín, J.D.**

Faith, Focus, Finish!

Praise and Prayer Concerns Rev. Matthews

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection — “I Give Myself Away”
(featuring Sunbeam Choir)

Announcements Jaime Coffen

Remarks/Benediction Rev. Matthews

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.



Visitor Welcome—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.

Moving Forward

Sunday, July 4th (10:00 a.m.) — **Outdoor Worship**. If you will not be attending this service, **Communion elements will be distributed in the church parking lot on Saturday, July 3rd from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

The remaining **July Sunday worship** services will be held virtually via Zoom.

Beginning **Sunday, August 1st**, worship will be held in the sanctuary, all protocols, masks, etc. will be observed.

The **Annual Emancipation Day** observance **will not be held this year**. However, the **Annual 5K Walk/Run (Saturday, September 4th – 8:00 a.m.)** will occur. For information about the Walk/Run, speak with Jacqueline Jones.

Sunday September 26th (10:00 a.m.) — **Annual Homecoming Sunday** including fellowship and other activities will take place.

(Additional update and information relative these announcements will be forthcoming at a later date.)

July Birthdays and Anniversaries, please let me know this week.

“A FRESH START (NOW)” — Any person who would like to participate or discuss further the Ministry areas presented last week, please contact either Jaime, Nena or Rev. Matthews. **We desire to have many members as possible active in all of the various areas of Ministry.**

Wednesdays (7:15 p.m.) — Wednesday Night Experience. Call-in Information: **712-770-4010 (Access code: 331960).**

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, place in the mailbox (Cynthia and David Burley check it regularly) **(This will save you postage)**
 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>)
 4. Reach out to member of finance, they will try to accommodate you.
- 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 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)

Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Noble (BeBe) Smith, Marvin Hebron, Shelford Henry, Francis Desouza (Gemma's son), Eric Smith, Brian Bailey, Rayvon Roy, Joyce Gibson, Tony Tingle, Mitchell Talley, LaKisha Thomas, James (Stoney) Carroll, Nena Hughes, Deysha Gibson, Gloria Thomas, Sharon Thomas, Rev. George F. DeFord, Wanda Dumas, Janeen Thomas, Eunice Harding (Gemma's Mother), Tyrone / Pat Mundell, Samuel / James Briggs (Cynthia Burley's brothers), Joan Moore, Larry Powell, Veronica Miller, Jeanette Reeves, Ernestine Gibson, Mildred Awkward, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Phillip Reese, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Nancy Daniels, Hannah Polk, Delores Tyler

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