

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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St. Mark's UMC Emancipation Day

Rev. Eugene Matthews, Pastor

9th Annual In-Person & Virtual Diabetes

— 5K Run/Walk/Fun Walk



Saturday, September 4, 2021

8:00 AM Rain or Shine

Alice B. McCullough Field

Montgomery & Eighth Street, Laurel, MD

USATF Certified Course Professionally Timed by
Blue Cheetah Sports Timing, LLC

5K Run/Walk—\$25 (timed) | Fun Walk—\$20 (untimed) |
Virtual 5K—\$30 (to cover postage for Running Bib &
Finisher Medal)

**For Online Registration/Additional Information go to
[Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K)**

Note: All registered participants will be notified if there are modifications due to COVID-19. **If you have questions, please contact Jacqueline Jones.**

"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."

Rev. Eugene W. Matthews, Pastor

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Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling

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Rev. Sarah Schlieckert

*District Superintendent
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Service

Sister Erica Roy, Worship Leader

Gathering Song..... 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.....Sister Erica Roy

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

People: Those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to those things.

People: Let us consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Hymn of Praise..... Choir/Congregation

“To God Be the Glory”

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.



*“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)

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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Thursday, August 12th (6:00 p.m.) — **Nomination's Committee** will meet in person at the church. Please notify Rev. Matthews if you can't be present.

Moving Forward

The **Annual Emancipation Day** observance **will not be held this year**. However, the **Annual 5K Walk/Run (Saturday, September 4th – 8:00 a.m., see flyer attached (link change)**.

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

Monday, October 11th (6:00 p.m.) — Annual Church Conference (details will be forthcoming)

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/stmarks1md>)
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.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

- 2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *[Refrain]*

- 3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

The Invocation.....Sister Erica Roy
Song of MeditationChoir

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

As we journey into the sacred story, help us along the path of faithfulness. Create in our lives a place of faith, hope and love in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1Sister Erica Roy
(*Psalm 133:1–3, Common English Bible*)

A pilgrimage song. Of David.

133 Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!

- ² It is like expensive oil poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—

Aaron's beard!—

which extended over the collar of his robes.

- ³ It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the LORD has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

Scripture Reading #2Sister Erica Roy
(Ephesians 4:1–16, Common English Bible)

Unity of the body of Christ

4 Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. 2 Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, 3 and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. 4 You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

7 God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ. 8 That’s why scripture says, *When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.*

9 What does the phrase “he climbed up” mean if it doesn’t mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth? 10 The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything.

11 He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. 12 His purpose was to equip God’s people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ 13 until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God’s Son. God’s goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we aren’t supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. 15 Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let’s grow in every way into Christ, 16 who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

SelectionChoir



Happy Birthday and Anniversary August Members

Birthdays

Jacqueline Jones – August 1	Tiara Matthews – August 11
Vicki Hall-Cager – August 2	Jazmen Dustin – August 22
Venita Stratford – August 7	Gloria Thomas – August 26
George Gibson Sr. – August 11	Ravon Roy – August 26
Andrea Gibson – August 11	Sherman Roy – August 28
Larry Powell – August 11	Wayne Coffen – August 29

Anniversaries

Tyrone and Pat Mundell – 42 yrs. Troy and Andrea Gibson – 33 yrs.
Sherman and Erica Roy – 28 yrs.

In Memory

Tyrone Mundell, Jr. – August 11
Gone, but never forgotten. Always in our hearts.



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.



“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.**

Wednesday Night Experience. On hiatus until September 8th.

Thursday, August 5th (7:00 p.m.) — Choir Rehearsal

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Scripture Reading #3**Sister Erica Roy**
(*John 6:24–35, Common English Bible*)

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Bread of life

²⁶ Jesus replied, “I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. ²⁷ Don’t work for the food that doesn’t last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life.”

²⁸ They asked, “What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent.”

³⁰ They asked, “What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*”

³² Jesus told them, “I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ They said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!”

³⁵ Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” (Hymnal, #70)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation**Choir**

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

“A Harmonious Gathering”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection

Holy Communion

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 (*Choir, #270*)

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.