

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!

Happy Birthday, Pastor Matthews

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

Order of Service

Ushers: Elaine Harvey, Joseph Daniels, Thomas Matthews

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: Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

People: Spirit of wonder, come.

Leader: Come. O Holy Spirit, come.

People: Spirit of joy, come.

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

People: Spirit of life, come.

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

People: Spirit of truth, come. Come into our lives, O Holy Spirit, come.

Hymn of Praise..... Choir/Congregation

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Unison*)

We are a culture of impatience, O GOD, we live in a world where “get it done” is often the golden rule. Forgive us, O God, when we have been so caught up in the worries and cares of the day that we have rushed past those who are in need. Forgive us, O God, that in our busyness, we have forgotten how to slow down and observe the wonderful world you have created for us. Help us, O Holy Spirit, who continues to descend upon us, we confess that we are more often ablaze with other passions. You bring unity to the church, you have given us wisdom, grant us your forgiveness. Come, Holy Spirit come. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung*)

The Invocation.....Sister Erica Roy
Song of Meditation St. Mark’s Choir

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have commanded. May we find the power and wisdom of God in the words we are about to hear today. Come Holy Spirit, come. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1**Sister Erica Roy**
(*Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31, Common English Bible*)

Wisdom's autobiography

8 Doesn't Wisdom cry out and Understanding shout? ² Atop the heights along the path, at the crossroads she takes her stand. ³ By the gate before the city, at the entrances she shouts:

⁴ I cry out to you, people; my voice goes out to all of humanity.

²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, before his deeds long in the past. ²³ I was formed in ancient times, at the beginning, before the earth was. ²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs flowing with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; ²⁶ before God made the earth and the fields or the first of the dry land. ²⁷ I was there when he established the heavens, when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea, ²⁸ when he thickened the clouds above, when he secured the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he set a limit for the sea, so the water couldn't go beyond his command, when he marked out the earth's foundations. ³⁰ I was beside him as a master of crafts. I was having fun, smiling before him all the time, ³¹ frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race.

Scripture Reading #2**Sister Erica Roy**
(*Romans 5:1–5, Common English Bible*)

5 Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Regular and Special Offering – Peace and Justice

Blessing of Offering.....Sister Erica Roy

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Scripture Reading #3Sister Erica Roy

(John 16:12–15, Common English Bible)

¹² “I have much more to say to you, but you can’t handle it now. ¹³ However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won’t speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and proclaim it to you. ¹⁵ Everything that the Father has is mine. That’s why I said that the Spirit takes what is mine and will proclaim it to you.

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

“Meeting Wisdom”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call Rev. Eugene W. Matthews

Invitation Selection St. Mark's Choir

Announcements

Pastor's Special Moment

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.



Ushers and Liturgist Needed: To current ushers, if you can't be on-duty on your Sunday, please notify Gemma DeSouza

The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

June 13th – June 19th

Day 164 — Matthew 2:13–23	Day 168 — John 1:35–51
Day 165 — Luke 2:41–52	Day 169 — John 2:1–25
Day 166 — Mark 1:1–13	Day 170 — John 3:1–21
Day 167 — John 1:19–34	

Ladies Roundtable — On hiatus (*watch for start up date*)

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, June 16th (7:00 p.m.) —**Choir** rehearsal

Sunday, June 26th (morning service) Celebrating the end of school year 2021–2022. All students and parents of students are asked to share school year 2021–2022 accomplishments. We are celebrating big and small wins. Please submit to Jaime via email or text. **Also feel free to invite your favorite educators to join us for service!**



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.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

**In support of: Laurel High School
Meredith Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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Date: June 15
Time: 11AM - 8:30PM w/flier
Address: 14609 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, MD
Phone: 301-498-5336



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***Please present flier at time of purchase. Come out and show your support.**

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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.



***"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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