

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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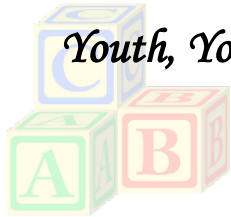
District Superintendent

for the Southern Annapolis Region

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Youth, Young Adults, Educators and School System Personnel Celebration

Ushers:

Deborah Harper, Gemma DeSouza-Ottley,

Ralph Laguerre

Order of Service

Brother Thomas Matthews, Worship Leader

Prelude	Min. Justin Marcus & Brother Justin Carter
Lighting of the Candles	Brother Larry Powell
Processional	St. Mark's Choir and Clergy
Greeting	Brother Thomas Matthews
Opening Hymn	Hymnal, #657
<i>"This Is the Day"</i>	St. Mark's Choir / Congregation

"This Is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made. *(repeat)*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise, I will say this is the day the Lord hath made I will rejoice for He has made me glad. *(repeat)*

He has made me glad, He has made glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. *(repeat)*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made. *(repeat)*

Prayer **Minister Nena Hughes**

Greeting/Call to Worship **Brother Thomas Matthews**

Leader: All are welcome in the house of the Lord.

People: Find here the hospitality of radical fellowship.

Leader: Worship with clean hands and pure hearts.

People: We are lifted up by the king of glory.

Leader: We are adopted into the family of Christ.

People: We will leap with joy before our God!

Selection **St. Mark's Choir**

Passing of the Peace

**Acknowledgement of Visitors /
Announcements** **Cynthia Whitfield**

Pastor's Moment

Recognition of Youth, Young Adults, Educators and School System Personnel

Selection **St. Mark's Choir**

Offering Prayer **Brother Thomas Matthews**

**Offering
Offertory**

Scriptures

Old Testament – *2 Samuel 6:1–5*

6 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ² He and all his men went to Baalah^[a] in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name,^[b] the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. ³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God on it,^[c] and Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets,^[d] harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

New Testament (Gospel) – *Mark 6:14–29 (please stand)*

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Sermonic Selection (*please stand*)..... **Hymnal #191**
"Jesus Loves Me" **St. Mark's Choir/Congregation**

Sermon **Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

"The Storm Is Almost Over!"

(Mark 4:35-41)

Invitation / Altar Call **Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**
Invitation Selection

Lord's Prayer

Recessional / Closing Hymn **Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**
St. Mark's Choir

Extinguishing of Candles.....**Brother Larry Powell**

Benediction

Announcements

Wearing a mask while in the sanctuary is at your discretion.

Worship Attendance — 07/07/2024	
In-Person	
YouTube	
Total	

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.



Today, Sunday, July 14th (following service) — Pastor Smith would like to speak to the **youth and young adults** for about 10 minutes.

Today, Sunday, July 14th (3:00 p.m.) — **"Taking Care of God's House"** (*Galatians 6:9: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*)

Rev. Smith, choir and congregation has been invited to worship with **Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church** (967 Main Street, Galesville, MD) as they celebrate their **Annual Trustee Day**. Dinner will be served following service.

Monday, July 15th (7:00 p.m.) — **Quarterly Council meeting** will be held in the **Fellowship Hall**. **All are welcome**. Ministry Leaders please submit your reports, if you have not done so.

Thursday, July 18th (6:30 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal**

Sunday, July 21st (10:00 a.m.) — **Minister Nena Hughes** will be preacher of the hour. Family and friends please join us as we support and celebrate our very own.

Sunday, July 21st (following service) — Sister Cynthia Augustus will be having a brief meeting of women of congregation to discuss **Women's Day**.

Volunteers Needed

People needed to participate in **Sunday morning worship service**. If you are interested in **morning prayer, scripture, announcements, and/or Worship Leader**, please let Millicent know.

Chair and co-chair for the **St Mark United Methodist Men** ministry group. Please see Rev. Smith for more information.

People are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry please see Rev. Smith or Cynthia Whitfield.



Sunday, August 11th (2:00–6:00 p.m.) — **All You Can Eat Crab Feast–Fun Day**. Music, great food and more. Donation: **\$80/person**. Ridgely Run Community Center (8400 Mission Road, Jessup, MD). For additional information or tickets: Tiara (240.855.3897), Tina (301.775.0837), Pat (410.227.3156). Sponsored by

Emancipation Day Committee.

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/stmarkslmd>)

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 needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr. (301.776.8885), waltsmith561@gmail.com

Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Delores Stratford, Keith Davis, Elba Hernandez, Nathaniel Watkins, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Charles Gregg, Rev. George F. DeFord, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, All branches of the Military, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Phillip Reese, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia’s Mom), Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Ernestine Gibson, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk

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