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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 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers:

Jaylah Robertson, Kamille Quick, Isaiah Brooks

Order of Service

Brother Justin Carter, Worship Leader

Prelude **Bros. Gary Barham & Justin Carter**

Lighting of the Candles **Sister Deborah Ford**

Processional **St. Mark's Choir and Clergy**

Greeting **Brother Justin Carter**

Opening Hymn **Hymnal, #585**
"This Little Light of Mine" **Choir / Congregation**

Prayer **Sister Zhané Hughes**

Greeting/Call to Worship **Brother Justin Carter**

Leader: Turn your hearts to God.

People: **What shall we do when we are worried?**

Leader: Place your trust in God's love and mercy.

People: **What shall we do when our lives seem too crowded
and busy?**

Leader: Take time for the refreshing words of God's love for
you.

People: **Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready for
your words to us. Amen.**

Selection **St. Mark's Choir**

Passing of the Peace

Acknowledgement of Visitors /

AnnouncementsSister Tina Thomas-Matthews

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Offering Prayer Brother Justin Carter

Offering

Offertory

Scriptures Ms. Kamille Quick

Old Testament – Psalm 14

¹ The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ² The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³ All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. ⁴ Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the Lord. ⁵ But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. ⁶ You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. ⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

New Testament (please stand) – Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within

us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Sermonic Selection (*please stand*)Hymnal, #526
“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Sermon Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

“Mary Had A Little Lamb”

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Recessional / Closing Hymn Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
Minister Nena Hughes
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	
	07/21/2024
In-Person	67
YouTube	15
Total	82

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.



Thursday, August 1st (6:30 p.m.) — Choir rehearsal



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.**

Women's Day — Please submit your suggestions for Women's Day speakers, themes, ideas, activities to Cynthia Augustus at 301.437.6436 and/or cynthiaspedtchr@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed

To participate in **Sunday morning worship service** (i.e., liturgist, morning prayer, scriptures and announcement readers). **Everyone can volunteer, especially our youth and young adults.** If you are interested, please let Sisters Deborah Ford or Sandra Johnson know, they will be doing a monthly schedule so you will know in advance when you will be serving. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ushers Needed — Youth and adults, please speak with Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

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.

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

Jannette Shuford-Reeves, 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., 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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