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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Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling
Baltimore/Washington Conference

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert
District Superintendent
for the Southern Annapolis Region

Worship Service 10:00 AM
All are welcome!

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: White

Worship Leader: Sister Erica Roy

Prelude…..…. Brother Micheal Turner & Brother Michael Wallace

Lighting of the Candles……..…….……...…..... Sister Shimaine West

Processional…… St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

Greeting ……..……..…..…..…. Sister Erica Roy

Opening Hymn...….....…. "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"
United Methodist Hymnal…… pg. 378

Prayer…….....…. Sister Erica Roy

Call to Worship…….…….....……... Sister Erica Roy

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.
People: Even in the darkest places, the height of God's love is there.

Leader: There is nowhere we can flee from God's Presence.
People: God's goodness and mercy are sure.

Leader: Sing to the Spirit, for the Spirit is here.
People: The Spirit knows the ache for connection deep within us.

Leader: Praise Christ Jesus, who loves us,
People: with a love that is boundless and true.

People: Give thanks to God, and sing God's praise**,**
ALL: as we worship together on this day.

Alleluia …… United Methodist Hymnal PG 186

Selection……..... …….. **St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team**

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As we have been restored through faith and made whole by the grace of God, let us offer signs of peace to our family of faith.

Acknowledgment of Visitors /
Announcements…….....…..….. Sister Tina Thomas Matthews

Reading In of New Members: Evan Armstrong, Sylvia Brown, Tyrone Brown, Jr., Pamela Grant Evans, Kimberly Moore, Shayera Thomas
Baptisms: Tyrone Brown, Jr., Janelle Moore, Leilani Moore

Selection …….…….…… St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

Offering Prayer……..…….....…..… Sister Erica Roy

Offering

Offertory…….……..…….……..…….…… ALL ***(Please Stand***

Scriptures…….….....…….… Sister Kamille Quick
***Old Testament* Psalm 105:1-3 NKJ**

New Testament* Matthew 13:31-33 NKJ *(Please Stand)

Sermonic Hymn .....….. St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

Worship Sermon……..……..…… Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

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

Invitational Selection…..…. St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

Thanksgiving and Communion … ALL……..…….. PG 13

Lord's Prayer ……. ALL

Recessional / Closing Hymn…….. Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team
Extinguishing of Candles …….....…….…. Sister Shimaine West

Benediction……...….....…… Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Donations Needed: The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men's and women's winter clothing and boots, coats, scarves, hats, gloves and blankets. To make the above donations in red, you will need to make an appointment to drop off (204 Fort Meade Road, Laurel) by calling 301.974.3010 or visiting the website at info@laurelmsc.org. For additional giving, check out an Amazon Wish List by scanning this barcode

Note from Finance: First, we would like to extend a big thank you to all who 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 the church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarkslmd)
4. Scan the barcode

Again, thank you. Just remember the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

Volunteers Needed

Six to eight women are needed to join the **Communion Stewards** ministry. Please see Sister Zsa Zsa Hill or Rev. Smith.

We need new Trustee members. Please see Bro. Thomas Matthews or Rev. Smith.

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.

On Hiatus — **Women's Roundtable.** Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B1l.1; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Thursday – **St. Mark's Mass Choir Rehearsal. (**6:30 p.m.)

EVERY SUNDAY, we kindly invite you to bring the children to church to attend Sunday School. Please see Sis. Courtney West Armstrong.

BAPTISM, if you have a desire to be baptized or have a rededication Baptism, please see Rev. Smith or any minister on the Ministerial Staff. Online viewers, please email or contact the church as soon as possible.

Parents and Guardians of Youth Ushers, please notify Ms. Gemma DeSouza (301-693-4494) when your child is not able to attend on the 4th Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details

St. Mark's UMC

DONATIONS
$85
SUN 8/9
2pm to 6pm
ALL YOU CAN EAT
CRAB FEAST
SUNDAY FUNDAY
Benefit- St Mark's UMC Emancipation Day
Pastor Walter Smith, Jr.
Ridgely's Run Community Center
Please join us Sunday August 9th, 2pm to 6pm.
All You Can Eat Crabs.
We will have a DJ, great food, and more.
Contacts: Tiara 301-674-8003, Tina 301-775-0837, Pat 410-227-3156
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Announcements

CITY OF LAUREL MARYLAND

DIABETES AWARENESS

St. Mark's United Mechodist Church

14th Annual In-Person & Virtual

DIABETES 5K RUN,WALK & FUN WALK

USATF CERTIFIED COURSE PROFESSIONALLY TIMED BY BLUE CHEETAH SPORTS TIMING, LLC

RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 8:00 AM

Alice B. McCullough Field
Montgomery & Eighth Street
Laurel, Maryland 20707

NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY AT FINISH LINE

For online registration and additional information, please visit:
Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K
OR SCAN QR CODE

"Proclaiming Christ to the generations...
Equipping disciples to transform the world"

Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone who needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact:

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William (Dip) Hebron, Jerry Reeves, Francis DeSouza, Quincy Jacob, Tyrone Awkward II, Molone Adams, All branches of the Military, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Mason, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Keith Davis, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk, Larry Powell, Wanda Latney, Justin Carter and Family, George Goldson, Arie Goldson

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