



*June 13, 2021*

*Third Sunday After Pentecost*

*Order of Service*

**Welcome**

Whether you regularly worship at St. Mark’s United Methodist or whether you’re visiting with us, we encourage you to open your hearts and minds to what says the Lord. If you are a visitor, interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church feel free to contact the church at **301.776.8885** | [emailstmarkslmd@gmail.com](mailto:emailstmarkslmd@gmail.com) | Pastor Matthews directly (**443.257.2730** | [reveugene@comcast.net](mailto:reveugene@comcast.net)). Our doors are always open, welcome.

**Gathering Song**..... **“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”** (*Hymnal, #334*)  
*(sing along with Doris Akers)*

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** ..... **Ms. Cynthia**

Leader: We come with many concerns on our minds.

**Tina: We hand them over to you, O Lord.**

Leader: We come with many prayers on our hearts.

**Tina: We hand them over to you, O Lord.**

Leader: We come with many burdens on our Shoulders.

**Tina: We hand them over to you, Lord.**

**Hymn of Praise** ..... **“Come Let Us Worship the Lord”**  
*(sing along with Ohio Baptist Mass Choir)*

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

God of truth, you know us in our inmost being. We confess to you, O Lord, the times when you have been an afterthought in our lives. We confess the times we

have gone to church only if we are not tired from the toils of the week. We confess the times we have given you an offering only if we have leftover cash. We confess the ways in which we cling tightly to our own perceived securities, rather than holding on to you. Forgive us, Lord. Bring us closer to you this day, reminding us that you never forget us. We are never an afterthought to God. **PRAISE BE TO GOD!!**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*song by Andrea Bocelli*)

### **The Invocation**

**Song of Meditation** ..... **"Trust In You"**  
(*featuring Anthony Brown & group therAPy*)

**The Prayer of Illumination** (*Unison*)

Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scripture today. Help us to hear them in a new way. May our meditations and actions be acceptable to God and may the peace of Christ speak to us through your Word. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading #1** ..... **Sandy**  
(*1 Samuel 17:1a, 41–50, Common English Bible*)

**17** The Philistines assembled their troops for war at Socoh of Judah. They camped between Socoh and Azekah at Ephes-dammim.

<sup>41</sup> The Philistine got closer and closer to David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked David over, he sneered at David because he was just a boy; reddish brown and good-looking.

<sup>43</sup> The Philistine asked David, "Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?" And he cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> "Come here," he said to David, "and I'll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!"

<sup>45</sup> But David told the Philistine, "You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel's army, the one you've insulted. <sup>46</sup> Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head! Today I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the entire Philistine camp to the wild birds and the wild animals. Then the whole world will know that there is a God on Israel's side. <sup>47</sup> And all those gathered here will know that the LORD doesn't save by means of sword and spear. The LORD owns this war, and he will hand all of you over to us."

<sup>48</sup> The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone. He slung it, and it hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. <sup>50</sup> And that's how David triumphed over the

Philistine with just a sling and a stone, striking the Philistine down and killing him—and David didn't even have a sword!

**Scripture Reading #2** ..... **Tina**  
(*2 Corinthians 6:1–13, Common English Bible*)

**6** <sup>1</sup> Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> He says, *I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation.* Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!

<sup>3</sup> We don't give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our ministry won't be criticized. <sup>4</sup> Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. <sup>5</sup> We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. <sup>6</sup> We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> telling the truth, and God's power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. <sup>8</sup> We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, <sup>9</sup> as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, <sup>10</sup> as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything.

**Call to relationship and holiness**

<sup>11</sup> Corinthians, we have spoken openly to you, and our hearts are wide open.

<sup>12</sup> There are no limits to the affection that we feel for you. You are the ones who placed boundaries on your affection for us. <sup>13</sup> But as a fair trade—I'm talking to you like you are children—open your hearts wide too.

**Scripture Reading #3** ..... **Larry**  
(*Mark 4:35–41, Common English Bible*)

**Jesus stops a storm**

<sup>35</sup> Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." <sup>36</sup> They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

<sup>37</sup> Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. <sup>38</sup> But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?"

<sup>39</sup> He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

<sup>41</sup> Overcome with awe, they said to each other, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

**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.**

**The Affirmation of Faith — “The Apostles’ Creed”**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father”**

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 — “If It Had Not Been”**

*(featuring Lynda Randle, Andrae Crouch)*

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

***“When Facing Giants”***

**Praise and Prayer Concerns**

**Invitation / Altar Call**

**Invitation Selection — “It Is Well With My Soul”**

*(featuring Mahalia Jackson)*

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

# 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.**

**Wednesdays (7:15 p.m.) — Wednesday Night Experience.** Call-in Information: **712-770-4010 (Access code: 331960).**

**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/stmarks/md>)
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.



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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](mailto:reveugene@comcast.net))

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