

# SERVICE FOR THE LORDS' DAY

April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide

## Chiming of the Hour

## Organ Prelude

## Recognition of Teachers

## Children's Choir

## Words of Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

L: Can you hear the voice of God?

**P: We hear God calling us by name.**

L: Are you troubled or distressed?

**P: We come here to find a place to rest awhile.**

L: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**P: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life. AMEN**

### \*Opening Prayer

### \*Hymn

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“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

(CWM RHONDA)

### \*Apostles Creed

### \*Choral Response to Faith (*Sung*)

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful  
music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life! Amen

## OUR HISTORY

A young ministerial student from Emory University, Samuel Poston, was appointed to canvas the area in Charleston's West Ashley in the area around Geddes Hall. Air Harbor, Edgewater Park, and Stono Park, to determine the need for a METHODIST CHURCH. A bicycle was his mode of transportation as he struggled through the summer heat to visit the neighborhoods. "Sammy" was successful. By 1955, a Charter was night was held.

As growth began, the church was moved to an old airplane hangar. Ebenezer Newell was the first church organist. He carried a portable pump organ to and from services weekly. The church then moved to a different location, as folk got tired of being rained on! The church purchased the land the current building sits on in mid 1955. We now call the building that was used the "Annex". In 1956, the first service was held in the new wing that was added. This contained the sanctuary and 5 classrooms! The membership was around 119 and Sunday School averaged about 90. In 1962, a larger sanctuary and educational building were constructed.

In 1991, ground was broken for the current sanctuary and renovation of the old sanctuary which is now Heidtman Hall. The stained-glass windows were carefully taken down, and now reside in the current sanctuary.

In 2009, a renovation and expansion program were started and completed. The new "admin wing" holds the pastoral office, our very first church library, a conference room, the main church office, and work room, as well as a prayer room.

In 2014, the St. Mark Day School was started and continues to grow!

To this day, we are still growing and expanding. We are blessed to be a part of this amazing Charleston community. Leading, Lifting, Loving.

- Barbra Shaw, St. Mark UMC Historian.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm**

**Wednesday 1:00pm-4:00pm**

By Our Presence...

Sunday Service Attendance Last Week: 56

Our Gifts...

**Needed Each Week: \$5230.00**

**Received Last Week: \$2977.85**

**Organ Fund: \$10,780.00**

# SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*“Leading, Lifting, Loving”*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to worship at the Saint Mark United Methodist Church.** We hope you are inspired and nourished by our service this morning. It is the commitment of the Saint Mark United Methodist Church to gather the children of God for worship in services that proclaim the gospel joyfully and render praise to God authentically. We invite you to join us in some or all the ministries, programs, and fellowship activities of our congregation. To further your worship experience with us, we have an insert in the pew listed as SERVICE NOTES. These are for you to write down what you liked about the service, what stuck out etc. etc., and you may take them home with you for personal reflection!

**READ SCRIPTURE!** We need scripture readers for the daily Sunday services. If you are interested, please let Ed know so he can get the scripture to you!

**Do you love to sing? Do you love participating in worship? Do you enjoy fun and fellowship (and sometimes food?)** If you answered YES to any of these, we welcome you to join the Chancel choir! We meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm, and we have a ton of fun! Come raise your voices with us to the Lord!

**Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Debra Petrak to the Glory of God.

**Calling all those interested in receiving Safe Sanctuary Training!!!** Charleston District will offer Safe Sanctuary Training for anyone involved in the life of the church via Zoom on Sunday, April 23 and on Saturday, May 20. If you are interested please go to the Charleston District UMC Facebook page. A link is available to register. **This training is mandatory for all who work with infants, children and youth!**

**The Church Council** will be meeting **Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm** in the social hall. If you are on council, please attend!

**Good Neighbors** has a few trips that are planned for later in the year! Please contact Harold McMillan if interested in more information, or to sign up! 843-607-4888.

## Announcements Continued...

**Blessings Box** is running low on some staple items. If you are able to, please drop off dry pasta goods, and any other non perishable items/things that don't need to be refrigerated! Also, cartons of water would be acceptable as we are entering the warmer time of year!

**EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!** Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,000 families through our statewide programs? Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org)

**DAY SCHOOL:** Thank you to all who participated in the On-Line Silent Auction that the school held last week.

All money raised goes back into the school to help pay for needed supplies and materials.

Did you know that the school also has a Scholarship Fund to help deserving families be able to send their child to our wonderful school without the added financial stress?

Did you know that you can help?

If you would like to help us with the Scholarship Fund or would like to donate to the school please consider donating to us directly by check or by donating to [SMDS.betterworld.org](http://SMDS.betterworld.org).

Thank You  
Stacey and Lisa

## Calendar for the Week

### Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Sunday School  
 10:00am Choir Practice (In Choir Room)  
 10:30am Sunday Worship  
 11:30am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dinner

### Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice  
 7:30pm Handbell Choir Practice

#### Nursery Volunteers:

April 30<sup>th</sup>- Vicki Davidson  
 May 7<sup>th</sup>- Julie Tindal  
 May 14<sup>th</sup>- Catherine Burbank  
 May 21<sup>st</sup>- Rhonda Cummings  
 May 28<sup>th</sup>- Gail Lanter

#### Birthdays:

5/1- Steward Weiss  
 5/4- Maddison Wilcox  
 5/5- Maddie Peralta  
 5/6- Nikki Slawson, Matthew Warren,  
 Alyssa Canfield

## Prayer List

#### Prayers for health, wholeness & healing:

Newell & Rhonda Cummings, Bill Gaither, Les Greer, Cathy Mims Holland, Billie & Florence Hutchison, Lillian Laporte, Rock Riser Michele Shaw, The Stiltz Family, Michael Rowlands (Friend of Alex), Jerilyn Isaacson, Timothy Drose, Katy and Christ Kuder, Chrissy, Carolyn, Kitty Duncan, Stacey Lynn Power, Park Williams and Family, The McMillan Family, Myles Lazzaro

#### Those unable to worship with us:

Edna Grant

#### Psalter

Psalms 23- Response 2

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#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

#### Anthem

"Love Lifted Me"-Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

#### Tithes and Offerings

#### \*Doxology

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#### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

TFWS 2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians"  
 (ST. BRENDANS)

#### Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

#### Sermon

"Guardian of the Soul"

#### \*Hymn of Response

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"- Verses 1, 2,3,4 & 6  
 (ST. COLUMBA)

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#### \*Benediction & Choral Response

#### \*Organ Postlude