

**ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Edward J. Stiltz

Worship Service 10:30 am August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God’s love.

**P: God’s love flows through our lives!**

L: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

**P: this is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

L: Let us rejoice on this day!

**P: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

**UMH 128**

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

**UMH 881**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**UMH 70**

**PSALTER**

Psalm 133

**UMH 850**

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**UMH 895**

**ANTHEM**

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy”

*Chancel Choir*

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,

Down in my heart!

Down in my heart!

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,

Down in my heart to stay.

**Chorus**

And I’m so happy, so very happy,

I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I’m so happy, so very happy,

I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

I’ve got the love of Jesus, Love of Jesus down in my heart,

Down in my heart!

Down in my heart!

I’ve got the love of Jesus, Love of Jesus down in my heart,

Down in my heart to stay.

**Chorus**

And I’m so happy, so very happy,

I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I’m so happy, so very happy,

I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH 95**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

**UMH 365**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Genesis 45:1-15; Matthew 15:21-28**

**SERMON**

Searching for the Face of God:

*Rev. Edward J. Stiltz*

“Is It Fair?”

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Standing on the Promises of Christ My King”

**UMH 374**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*(Stand, if able)*

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“Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment..” - Matt. 15:28 (NRSVUE)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** are placed today by Marilyn Shaw & Renee Wilcox, to the glory of God and in honor of loved ones.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS** are planning a few trips for later in the year! Contact Harold McMillan at (843) 607-4888 for more information, or if you would like to sign up.

**If you are interested in working with youth in our church or in the Charleston District, SCMYP (South Carolina Ministries With Young People)** will hold a Charleston District Youth Worker Gathering on **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** at Jim & Nick's Bar-B-Q, 4964 Centre Pointe Dr., North Charleston, SC 29418. It is a great opportunity to connect with other UMC youth leaders in our area. There is no charge for the dinner, however, you must RSVP on the online form at District Youth Worker Gatherings RSVP ([google.com](https://www.google.com)). If you are interested in this ministry we are formulating positions for the 2024 Church Council prior to Charge Conference and the Nominating Committee will meet tomorrow. If you have questions, please let Rev. Stiltz or Dawn Ackerman know.

**HOW TO PREPARE FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE** – This class is especially for Pastors, Membership Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, SPRC Committees, Trustees, and Church Council Chairs. This is a Zoom Meeting on **Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** There will be a detailed walk-through of the forms that are required, Where to find the information needed to complete the forms, Who is responsible for completing the forms and how to complete the forms and print them out. The Zoom class is free, but registration is required. To register, go online to <https://fs21.formsite.com/RobertCox/vphnggpsi/index>.

**EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!** Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 127 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10th, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on social media.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Children's Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:00 pm Birthday Party for Jesus Organizational Meeting

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Charleston District Youth Worker Gathering

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm How to Prepare for Charge Conference [Zoom Meeting](#)

7:30 pm Handbell Practice (in the sanctuary)

**Birthdays:** Mark Allen Elsey (8/23), Evan P. McMillan (8/26), Joy Maxey (8/27) and Suzanne Davis Motley (8/27)

### **OUR PRAYERS...**

Charles Altman (91) (Jae Price's uncle), Ashley Connor Auerbach, Susan Brooks, Danny & Cindy Dix, Edna Grant, Carolyn Huckabee, Billie & Florence Hutchison, Jerilyn Isaacson, Myles Lazzaro, Evan McMillan & Family, Jim & Jacki Ratledge, Tom Williams (& wife Tammy) (friends of Mike & Elaine Gooch's), Eloise Wooden

### **OUR PRESENCE...**

Service Attendance Last Week : 46

### **OUR GIFTS...**

**Needed Each Week for Budget: \$5,230.00**  
Received Last Week for Budget: \$3,818.17

### **OUR SERVICE...**

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 20 – Catherine Burbank  
August 27 – Rhonda Cummings  
September 3 – Karen Muckenfuss  
September 10 – Betsy Petit