



# ORDER OF SERVICE

September 1, 2024  
10:00 am

OPENING SONG "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" #384 UMH

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

**P: Come, let us worship God who loves us!**

L: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

**P: Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!**

L: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

**P: Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!**

L: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

**ALL: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! AMEN.**

### INVOCATION

MUSICAL WITNESS "The Church Victorious" Chancel Choir

### NEWS OF THE PARISH

### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Epistle Lesson Galatians 1:13-14  
\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-40

MUSICAL WITNESS "I've Been Buked" Chancel Choir

SERMON Rev. P. Devon Brown  
"Bounce Back Better - Pt. 3"

### INVITATION TO CHRIST

### CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S SUPPER #12 UMH

COMMUNION HYMN "I Come With Joy" #327 UMH

### ALTAR CALL

### OFFERING

\*BENEDICTION "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #327 UMH

### RECESSIONAL

Please stand, if able, for (\*).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS OF THE PARISH

### WELCOME GUESTS

We welcome our guests. Our prayer is for the Lord to bless you abundantly through this worship experience. Please fill out a visitor's card and indicate what prompted you to join us in worship this morning. Please see one of our Ushers to receive a special visitor's gift bag. Again, welcome and may the love of Jesus enfold you.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING TODAY**  
Join in-person or via Zoom  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://tinyurl.com/AdBoardSept12024>  
Meeting ID: 864 8004 4508 Passcode: 261521

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 8, 2024, Sunday School for all ages will reconvene. Children and Youth classes will be held at 10:00am. The Adult Study will meet at 9:00am in Pembroke Parlor.

All Adult Bible Studies and Book Clubs, except for the Wednesday Bible Study, will also return the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Following worship on next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, information about our Christian Education Department will be available will available. Let's learn together.

### ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY STUDENTS

**Tuesday Bible Study**  
resumes on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on ZOOM  
<http://tinyurl.com/St-Mark-BibleStudy>

*The class will continue with the book of Ezekiel; Lesson 20 in the book.*

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
resumes on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am  
in person and on ZOOM.  
<http://tinyurl.com/St-Mark-BibleStudy>

*The class will be studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. The book is Philippians by N.T. Wright. It's one of the N.T. Wright For Everyone Bible Study Guides Published by IVP Connect. Available on Amazon. Please read the background info before the first class and Acts chapter 16.*

### ATTENTION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEMBERS

"Designated Giving" payments will be collected following the worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. See Dorris McGill in McFarland Parlor.

<b>Pledge to Mission</b>	<b>Sunshine Fund</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Self Denial</b>	<b>Pennies for Mission</b>
<b>Legacy Fund</b>	<b>Thank Offering</b>	<b>Women's Day \$25</b>	<b>Fall Fundraiser</b>
<b>Gift in Memory</b>	<b>Gift to Mission</b>		

### BMCR LAITY AWARD

This year's Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal Laity Award honorees for St. Mark are **sister Veletta Bell** and **brother Ernest Payne**. This award is presented to lay persons who have exhibited selfless service to the Lord. The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00am. at DD's banquets and Events – 757 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City. Tickets are \$65.00, and can be purchased from our Lay Leader, brother Madison Dowlen, or the church office. As we must reserve our tables well before September 8, 2024, the sooner you make your reservation, the better. Thank you.

### PARTNERS IN RETIREMENT

PIR will restart on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It will have a new start time – 12:30 pm. It will have new activities, and it will have a new name. All seasoned saints and others are invited to attend. A full and free meal will be served.

### ST. MARK CAMERA CLUB MEETINGS RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Are you interested in photography? Come join the Camera Club to learn all about the art and science of taking great photos. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 11:00am. See you at our next meeting!

The next Expungement Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 @11:00am.

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am  
<https://tinyurl.com/SmartDevice-Class>

Meeting ID: 831 8876 2835  
Passcode: 578957

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Retha Chaney	Lori Stubbs
Ella Johnson	Wanda Maria Elder
Montel Brooks	Mark Witherspoon
N. Allen	JoAnn Newsome
Karyn P. Carter	Avery Brown
Tracey Gates	
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
Mr. John & Mrs. Juanita Thomas ~ 52 years	

SICK AND SHUT-IN		
Mrs. Bertha Adams	Mrs. Leanna Anderson	Mrs. Brenda Thomas Asaju
Ms. Ambra Beach	Ms. Delores Cooper	Mrs. Betty Cross
Mrs. Narvell Duncan-Bell	Mr. Jason Draper	Ms. Chandra Eskridge
Ms. Marguerite Francis	Ms. Jennifer French	Ms. Mary Greer
Mrs. Mattie Gunter-Travis	Ms. Alice Johnson	Ms. Jonita Lattimore
Mrs. Susanna McClendon	Mr. Ed Page	Mrs. Jacqueline Payne
Mr. Edison Smiley	Mrs. Patricia Smith	Rev. Francine Taylor-Thirus
Ms. Anjanette Thomas	Ms. Burnette Wade	Mrs. Barbara Wright-Pryor

NURSING HOMES ~ REHABILITATION CENTERS ~ SENIOR LIVING	
<b>Ms. Theresa Bennett</b> Autumn Green at Midway Village 6700 S. Keating, #208 Chicago, IL 60629 773-735-9215	<b>Mrs. Betty Clay</b> Sunrise of Olympia Fields 363 Breakers Drive Olympia Fields, IL 60461
<b>Ms. Anne Cross</b> Prairie Manor Nursing Home 345 Dixie Highway Chicago Heights, IL 60411	<b>Ms. Evelyn Davis</b> Elevate Care Country Club Hills 18200 S. Cicero Ave. Country Club Hills, IL 60478 708.798.2272
<b>Mrs. Lillie Johnson</b> Warren Barr Gold Coast 66 W. Oak St. Rm 503 Chicago, IL 60610 312-705-5100	<b>Ms. Jessie Clarie Lattimore</b> Grace Point Place 5701 W. 101 <sup>st</sup> Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453
<b>Ms. Deborah Mason</b> California Gardens Nursing Center 2829 S. California Avenue Chicago, IL 60608	<b>Ms. Barbara McIntosh</b> Symphony of Evanston 820 Foster Avenue Evanston, IL 60201
<b>Dr. Rudy Smith</b> Smith Village 2320 W. 113 <sup>th</sup> Place #4306 Chicago, IL 60643	<b>Mrs. Ruby Stephenson</b> Belmont Village Senior Living 1035 Madison Street Oak Park, IL 60302
<b>Ms. Yvonne Tuck</b> Arden Courts 2045 E. 170 <sup>th</sup> Street South Holland, IL 60473	<b>Mr. Julian Valentine</b> Victory Centre of South Chicago 3251 E. 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street #202 Chicago, IL 60617
<b>Mr. Louis Wright</b> Smith Village 2320 W. 113 <sup>th</sup> Place Chicago, IL 60643	
OUT OF TOWN	
<b>Ms. Cheryl Davis</b> 6190 Baltusrol Terrace Fairburn, GA 30213	<b>Mrs. Mildred Porter</b> 19824 Greenbriar Drive Tarzana, CA 91356

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**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

The church needs volunteers to answer the office telephone for 2 to 4 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. Please call Dorris McGill, at 773-852-6497 or see the sign-up sheet in the office.

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**ST. MARK OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE**

Pick up the job description in the church office or download application from the website:

[WWW.STMARKUMCCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.STMARKUMCCHICAGO.ORG)



**PRAYER CORNER**

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."*

Matthew 18:20

~Meditate on His word day and night ~ St. Mark Prayer Ministry

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-45, 21-23

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**MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS**

Dear St. Mark Members, please keep our hospitalized, sick and shut-in and bereaved in your prayers. Whenever you receive information (e.g., illness, hospitalization, transition) regarding a member or former member, please inform the church office. Thank You.

**ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkUMCChicago/>

YouTube: [St. Mark UMC Chicago - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

**VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Tune in to Sunday services online via YouTube or Facebook on the following links:

[St. Mark United Methodist Church YouTube Page](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

[St. Mark United Methodist Church Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkUMCChicago/)

**ST. MARK UMC CLERGY**

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**ST. MARK GIVING OPTIONS**

For your convenience, the following website link is provided for online giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM9F>. Other options available for you to give:

- Vanco Mobile App, Text to Give: 833-454-0208
- ACH Account Debit
- U.S. Mail delivery
- Drop-off in person during weekday office
- Drop-off in the mailbox outside the St. Mark office entrance

ST. MARK HOURS	BUILDING	OFFICE 773.846.2992	CREDIT UNION 773.846.4433
Sunday	9:00am – 1:00pm	Closed	11:00am – 12:00pm
Monday	5:00pm – 9:00pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	9:00am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 6:00pm	Closed
Wednesday	9:00am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 6:00pm	10:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday	9:00am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 6:00pm	Closed
Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm	Closed	Closed



**St Mark**

Chicago

**Worship & Sunday School 10:00 AM**



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