

# St. Mark

## United Methodist Church



**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 15, 2023

10:00 AM

**St. Mark United Methodist Church**

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### October 15, 2023

#### OPENING SONG

“We Have Come into This House” #174 AAHH

Congregation

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are all called to go and share Christ’s love with the world.

**P: We gather to grow deeper in faith.**

L: We learn to recognize grace everywhere, in every life.

**P: We wait for God’s saving love.**

L: We remember our purpose through the means of grace.

**ALL: God’s love is remaking the world! AMEN.**

#### INVOCATION

**Lay Leader 1:** Heavenly Father, you have called us all to holiness which means sharing in your divine life. Fill us with a sense of our true dignity as those called to be your daughters and sons in the world and your ambassadors of justice, love, and peace. Give us the desire to be worthy of this great calling and the courage to live up to it.

**People: God, hear our prayer.**

**Lay Leader 2:** We go with hope, O God, with an intentional faith:

By studying the scriptures, constantly praying, and joining holy conversations that reflect your grace and Gospel. Wherever we encounter those made in your image, we bring the covenant hope that is written on our hearts. As we grow deeper in faith and live well for others, we pray for your church and the world you so love.

**People: God, hear our prayer.**

**Lay leader 1:** For a new passion to search scripture for the words of life that mend our connection and our world.

**People: God, hear our prayer.**

**Lay leader 2:** With all who are called to follow you and lead others to faithful life in Jesus Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### NEWS OF THE PARISH

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Standing on the Promises” #373 AAHH

Congregation

#### PURPOSE OF LAITY SUNDAY

This year, the emphasis is on discipleship and healthy words that encourage love and abundant life together, The **Laity Sunday themes** for this quadrennium come from II Timothy 1:1-14. Under the call to **Rise Up**, laity (all people) in the current quadrennium will continue to echo the

invitations of this passage: Rise Up and **revive** God's gift of faith (that first lived in those who loved us); Rise Up and **reveal** the grace in Christ that brings life together, with and for others; Rise Up and **remain** committed to sound teaching (the pattern of healthy words witnessed in those who model faith); and, Rise Up and **retain** this reliable gift of good and beautiful things placed in our trust by the Holy Spirit.

The **2023 Laity Sunday focus** is on what it means to **hold** on to the pattern of **healthy words heard** words heard in those whose lives have been remade and restored by grace (2 Timothy 1:13). **Laity Sunday Themes 2021-2024 - Rise Up! And Remain Committed to Love's Teachings.**

Last, but not least, we'd like to recognize those who serve as Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, Associate Lay Leaders, Lay Visitation, and this year's 2023 BMCR St. Mark's Laity Honorees – Derrick Mitchell and W. Joyce Pickett-Polk. If you are in any of those groups, please stand as you are able so that we may celebrate your ministries and show appreciation for the work that you do. Special acknowledgement that Charles Hobson served as Lay Leader of St. Mark UMC.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

\*Gospel Lesson    Mark 10:45  
Epistle Lesson    2 Timothy 1:13-14

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

MUSICAL WITNESS

SPEAKER

Aimée Eubanks Davis

*"Rooted to Rise and Rally: 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Discipleship"*

\*INVITATION TO CHRIST

"Come to Jesus"

#354 AAHH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ALTAR CALL AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. And as you promised, each day you give from your bounty everything that we need. Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surrounds us, the Spirit of God empower us, and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.

OFFERING

MUSICAL WITNESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Pastors

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG

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



## **Aimée Eubanks Davis**

### **Founder and CEO of Braven**

Aimée Eubanks Davis and her family are “St. Markers.” She is humbled and honored to speak to the congregation this Layity Sunday and share more on how the church has played an important role in all areas of her life.

Aimée is founder and CEO of Braven, a nonprofit organization that was established in 2013 to ensure that first-generation and low-income college students have the skills, confidence, networks and experiences they need to land strong first jobs. Braven operates in Atlanta, the Bay Area, Chicago, Newark, and New York City and has worked with more than 7,400 Fellows.

Aimée spent the majority of her career at Teach For America. In 2002 she joined the TFA staff as Vice President of New Site Development, helping to grow the organization’s presence into Miami and Philadelphia, as well as doubling TFA’s presence in New York City. In 2003, Aimée moved to the regional operations team, where she managed Teach For America’s executive directors and helped ensure maximum impact in each of the organization’s 22 regions.

In 2005, Aimée became the Chief People Officer, and oversaw the organization’s staff growth from 200 to over 1,800 staff members. Additionally, she worked on the development of a comprehensive competency model for staff recruitment, selection, performance management, and learning and development, and ensured that the Human Assets team was positioned to fuel the growth and success of Teach For America through being a strategic business partner to organizational leaders and teams. In 2011, Aimée took on the expanded role of executive vice president of People, Community and Diversity, leading our work to uphold TFA’s commitment to diversity and to build an organization that is a model of fairness and equality. From 2013 to early 2015, she led TFA’s Public Affairs and Communications teams before departing to devote her full energies to Braven.

Before joining Teach For America’s staff, Aimée was a program officer at The Breakthrough Collaborative (formerly Summerbridge National) and, prior to that position, she led the Summerbridge New Orleans site to become one of the most successful sites in The Breakthrough Collaborative. Aimée, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, was a 1995 Teach For America corps member and taught sixth grade social studies and language arts in New Orleans.

Aimée holds many affiliations, including being a 2023 John P. McNulty Prize winner, [2020 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow](#), 2019 [Obama Foundation Fellow](#), Pahara-Aspen Fellow, a member of the Global Aspen Leadership Network, a Braddock Scholar, a Draper Richards Foundation Entrepreneur and a Camelback Ventures Fellow. She also sits on the boards of Education Pioneers, Relay, and OneGoal. Among other honors and affiliations, Aimée was recognized as one of Crain’s Chicago Business 2022 Notable Black Leaders and Executives as well as a [Luminary by The 1954 Project](#) and was No. 13 on Essence Magazine’s [50 Black Women Founders to Watch](#) list.

Aimée is joined today by her husband, Marcus, and their three children: Hudson, Aïda, and Esmé.



## Participants

Call to Worship	Charlotte Newsome
Invocation	Tonya and Montel Brooks
News of the Parish	Andrea Hargrave
Purpose of Laity Sunday	Rose Faulkner
Scripture	Hudson, Aida and Esmé Davis
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Otis Pope
Musical Witness	Andrea Hargrave and Rev. Pamela Pirtle
Musicians	Sam Gray and Rev. Pamela Pirtle
Altar Call & Prayer	Veletta Bell
Offertory Prayer	Christopher Turner
Recognition of Visitors	Pastors
Benediction	Pastor



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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.



### TURKEY TIME!

Greetings St. Markers, IT'S TURKEY TIME! Again this year, our ministry is asking for your support in order to raise \$10,000 to gift 100 needy families \$100 Aldi's Thanksgiving gift cards. Any amount is appreciated, but for a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a stone blessed by Rev. Brown or a Brothers Keepers certificate for donating \$100 or more. After service, please stop by McFarland any Sunday through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. God bless you, St. Mark UMC Community Food Pantry Ministry.

### 130<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GALA BOOKS

St. Mark UMC's program are available for purchase for \$10 after worship service in McFarland Parlor.

### ST. MARK UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

Thursday, November 30, 2023 @ 7:00pm

St. Mark Clergy and Officers, Find church conference forms and info on the conference website <https://www.umnico.org> at <https://www.umnico.org/churchconference> under the tab for Shepherding team > congregational life > church conference forms > access online forms

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### UMM "MAN OF THE YEAR" BANQUET

The St. Mark United Methodist Men will honor Mr. Daniel Parker at the Annual "Man of the Year" Banquet on Sunday, November 12, 2023.

### CAMERA CLUB

Are you interested in photography? Come join the St. Mark Camera Club to learn all about the art and science of taking great photos. We meet on Saturdays at 10:00am.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Birdella Braden	Loretta Rias
Penny Tobias	Edward Fields
Kate Smith	William A. Lowry, Sr.
Rosalyn Johnson	Jabari Aubrey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Gwen Hudson ~ 40 years	
Mr. Brandon & Mrs. Cleopatra Draper	

### CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Mrs. Joyce Polk on the loss of her husband, Mr. Ted Polk made his transition on October 10, 2023, in Chicago, Illinois. Services will be held on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark UMC – 11:00am visitation, 12:00pm funeral, and repast following service. Please keep the Polk family in your prayers. ....

Condolences to the family of Mr. Robert Weems, who made his transition on September 30, 2023 in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Services will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark UMC – 10:00am visitation, 11:00am funeral, and 12:00pm repast. Please keep the Weems family in your prayers. ....

Ms. Virginia Clay, sister-in-law of Mrs. B. J. Clay, transitioned in Detroit, Michigan. Services were held on September 22, 2023.

Mr. George Raymond Edwards, brother of Mrs. B. J. Clay, transitioned in Gulfport, Mississippi. Services were held on September 13, 2023. Please keep the Clay and Edwards families in your prayers.

***Please keep our hospitalized, sick and shut-ins, and bereaved in your prayers.***

### GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The St. Mark Grief Support Ministry is here to help you, your family, and friends who are seeking help and support. Come find peace and comfort through sharing and love from others in the group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month via Zoom from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Please join our next session on Saturday, October 21, 2023:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/Grief-Ministry>

or Dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 873 4666 4979

Passcode: 521178

If you need to talk feel free to call

Rev. Fran Thirus - Chairperson, Felicia Gaines - Co Chairperson, Betty Lewis or Ella Mitchell.

### WELCOME BACK

#### ST. MARK DANCE MINISTRY!!

*We are pleased to announce the Shirley V. Hobson Liturgical Dance Ministry will restart this month!*

Parents and Guardians ~ you are invited to attend a virtual orientation on October 22, 2023  
5:00pm – 6:00pm on Zoom.

Please use the Zoom link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/LDMOct2023>

Dial 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 860 5653 2813 Passcode: 377590

We invite you to join us this year as we praise the Lord through dance once again. This year, we are offering dance to children ages 8-16.

Shirley V. Hobson LDM will begin rehearsals on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

In His Spirit of Praise,

*Shirley V. Hobson LDM Leadership Team*

Whitney Knight, Choreographer

Pauline Pearson, Dance Coordinator

Licia Knight, Dance Administration

### FALL CHAIR YOGA AT THE MARK IS BACK!!

Saturdays through November 11, 2023

9:00am – 10:00am

\$10 per drop-in session.

See Nelsie Anderson, Vera Carr or Regeta

Slaughter to sign-up.

Cash or checks made out to St. Mark UMC.

### HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS



FALL SCHOLARSHIPS X

## BURGER KING

### SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$50,000

**DEADLINE:** DECEMBER 15, 2023

**DETAILS:** High school seniors and students graduating from homeschool education are eligible to apply.

**URL:** [bit.ly/bkscholar2023](https://bit.ly/bkscholar2023)



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## 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/)

## LECTIONARY READINGS

Exodus 32:1-14

Philippians 4:1-9

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Matthew 22:1-14

## ST. MARK UMC CLERGY

Rev. P. Devon Brown, Senior Pastor

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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 hours - (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday)
- 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	9:00am – 12:30pm
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