



# ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SONG "The Palms"

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God. AMEN.**

INVOCATION

MUSICAL WITNESS

NEWS OF THE PARISH

READING OF SCRIPTURE  
Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

MUSICAL WITNESS

SERMON "Lead Me" Rev. P. Devon Brown

INVITATION TO CHRIST

ALTAR CALL

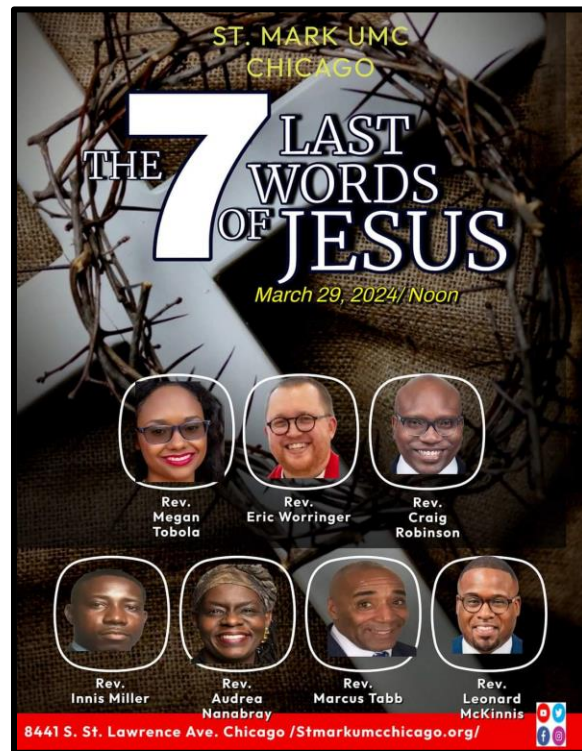
OFFERING

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS OF THE PARISH



## EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Dear St. Markers, each year the St. Mark Lay Servants host an Easter Luncheon for all the residents at St. Mark Manor. This year, we are asking for help to fill 60 Easter baskets for the Manor residents. Please share your resources to fill medium-sized baskets that will bring smiles to the seniors' faces on the luncheon day. Donations will be collected in McFarland Parlor. We are asking for candy, small-sized cookie packs, snack-sized crunchy treats, mini-sized lotion and other toiletry items, as well as spiritual books and magazines. No real eggs, please. Contact Rose Faulkner at 773-288-5433 with questions or for further information. Thank you for your generous hearts.

## SHIRLEY ANITA CHISHOLM

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was the first African American woman in Congress (1968) and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties (1972). Her motto and title of her autobiography — *Unbought and Unbossed* — illustrates her outspoken advocacy for women and minorities during her seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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**Free Expungement Clinic**  
Every 1st Saturday of the month in 2024  
10am-1pm

**End permanent punishments**

Know Your Rights  
Help obtaining RAP sheets  
Assistance with filing forms  
Voter Registration

Online registration  
Walk-ins welcome

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, JUSTICE AND RESISTANCE

## GATEWAY FESTIVAL

Thank you to all who signed up and purchased your tickets for the Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> **Gateways Festival Orchestra concert featuring Take 6** at Orchestra Hall. A few tickets are left, and they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please get in touch with Laura Rice at 917-941-5865 to reserve a ticket. Alternatively, you may purchase tickets for this concert at a **20% discount using code GATEWAYSCHI** at CSO.org or through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra box office at **312-294-3000**. St. Mark is the host venue for Gateways' **Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:30 pm Chamber Music I Concert**, a musical extravaganza showcasing some of the nation's finest classical musicians. Artina McCain, piano, and Martin McCain, bass trombone, the grandson of Charles G. and Dolores S. Kendrick curate this concert. *To reserve your tickets, please:*

1. Visit the Gateways Music Festival website: <https://www.gatewaysmusicfestival.org/>
2. Click on the "Season Schedule," then click on "2023-2024 Season," then click on "Chicago."
3. Once you're on the Chicago schedule, scroll down to the picture of St. Mark and click the "Reserve Tickets" button to **reserve your free tickets.**

Your reservation will help us calculate the need for overflow seating. **Prepare for an unforgettable celebration of Great Black Music! April 15 - 19!**

## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

class of  
**2024**

### ST. MARK'S 2024 GRADUATES

The St. Mark Higher Education Ministry is recognizing the St. Mark 2023 Graduates. Please email the graduate's name, school, and grade to the church office by May 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Scholarships for High School Seniors**

- CBCF Reducing the Financial Barrier Scholarship (need-based)  
*Deadline: March 31, 2024*
- CBC Spouses Education Scholarship  
*Deadline: March 31, 2024*
- CBC Spouses Essay Contest  
*Deadline: March 31, 2024*
- The Tracking Foundation Multi-Year Scholarship Program  
*Deadline: March 31, 2024*
- CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship  
*Deadline: March 31, 2024*
- CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship  
*Deadline: March 31, 2024*

Apply online! [cbcfinc.org/scholarships](http://cbcfinc.org/scholarships)

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation



**2024 Scholarship Application**

The Links, Incorporated  
United in Friendship, Committed to Service  
Charleston SC Chapter

#### DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Friday, April 12, 2024  
by 5:00 P.M.

If the application is submitted US mail, it must be stamped and received by the postal service by 4/12/2024.

If the application is submitted electronically, your email will serve as verification of submission date and time.

**Scholarship Qualifications:**

- High School Senior
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Accepted to a 4yr. institution
- Completed application packet



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#### 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

#### 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.

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

Mark 11:1-22	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:

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#### ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### ST. MARK UMC CLERGY

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#### ST. MARK GIVING OPTIONS

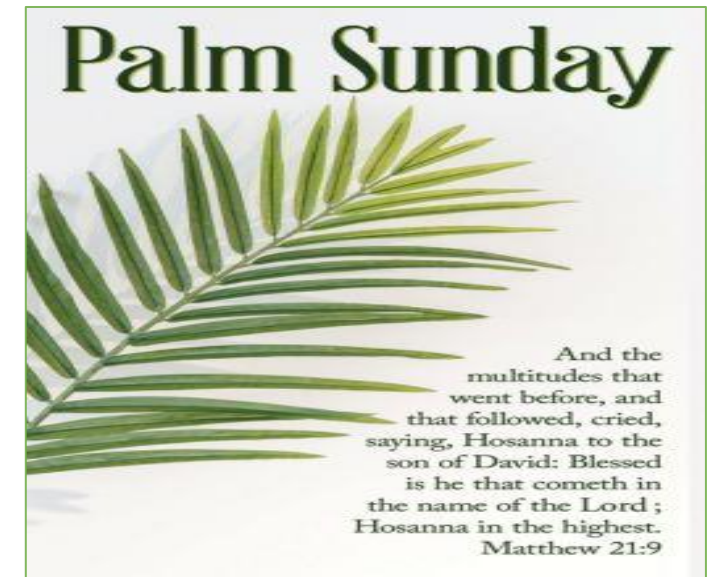
For your convenience, the following website link is provided for online giving:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM9F>. Other options available for you to give:

- 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

United Methodist Church



**Palm Sunday**

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21:9



## Women's History Month

March 24, 2024

Worship Service ~ 10:00am

Sunday School ~ 10:00am

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