



## ORDER OF SERVICE

March 5, 2023

10:00 am

### OPENING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vss 1 & 6) #155 UMH

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who need help!

**P: Our help comes from God,  
the one who made heaven and earth.**

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

**P: Our blessing comes from God,  
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

**P: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,  
the one sent by God to save the world.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

### INVOCATION

### MUSICAL WITNESS

“The Strife is O’er”

### NEWS OF THE PARISH

### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 121

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-16

### INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP

### MUSICAL WITNESS

“Let Your Glory Fill This Place”

### SERMON

Bishop Dan Schwerin  
“Deeper is the Way Forward”

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD’S SUPPER

#12 UMH

### OFFERING

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” (vss 4 & 5) #418 UMH

### \*BENEDICTION

### RECESSIONAL

“Total Praise”

### POSTLUDE

Please stand, if able, for (\*).  
Please be seated for the postlude (\*\*).

## 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. If you would, please fill out a visitor’s card and indicate what prompted you to join us in worship this morning. Again, welcome and may the love of Jesus enfold you.

### LENT STUDY FOR 2023

“Live Faith. Shout Hope. Love One Another” books are still available for the church-wide Bible Study for Lent 2023. The books are \$19.00 and available for pickup at the church office. The study is held on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and Wednesdays at Wednesday at 11:00am.



### ST. MARK UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST TICKETS ON SALE

Starting today, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, tickets to the St. Mark United Women in Faith Prayer Breakfast are on sale in McFarland Parlor. The breakfast will be held on May 13, 2023 at Georgios Banquets, 8800 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Park, IL. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Checks are preferred, made payable to St. Mark UW Faith.

### ST. MARK CHAIR YOGA

Join us for Chair Yoga sessions every Saturday, through March 25, 2023 from 9:00am - 10:00am. Cost is \$40.00 for 5 sessions in advance, or \$10 per drop-in session. See Rev. Pam Pirtle, Vera Carr or Regeta Slaughter to sign up. Cash or checks made payable to St. Mark UMC with “chair yoga” written in the memo section.

### BLACK CAMPUS MINISTRY VISITING ST. MARK UMC

On Sunday, March 26, 2023, Rev. Alexandria Bobbitt and the Black Campus Ministry from Chicago State University along with scholars from the St. Mark Freedom School will be in worship with us! Please come support these young students and greet them during a reception following the worship service.



### ST. MARK 130<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

We are excited to announce that St. Mark’s 130th Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023. For those interested in working on a committee, please stop by the desk in McFarland Parlor. If you would like to purchase your tickets or ads early online, please do so at: [www.ticketfalcon.com/e/stmark130/](http://www.ticketfalcon.com/e/stmark130/).

### READERS WANTED

The St. Mark Freedom School of Chicago is seeking volunteer readers. If you are willing to read from our library to the Freedom School scholars, please contact Rev. Pamela Pirtle at [ppirtle@stmarkumcchicago.org](mailto:ppirtle@stmarkumcchicago.org).

## WELCOME TO ST. MARK UMC NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE BISHOP DAN SCHWERIN



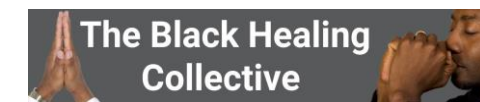
Bishop Dan Schwerin was elected to the episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdiction in November 2022. He began as the resident bishop of the Chicago Area in January 2023, and was installed as the Northern Illinois Conference’s new bishop last Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Schwerin (he, him, his) is husband to his wife, Julie, and a father, grandfather, poet, and Jesus

is the gold in his life. He is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology and did post-graduate Bowen family systems theory work there. He has enjoyed many contexts for pastoral ministry, including urban and rural churches, a new church plant, a Superintendent of two districts, as well as a multi-staff downtown setting which became a reconciling congregation and launched a beloved community of non-profits to benefit children dealing with grief, persons who wanted help to battle generational poverty, and children who desired access to stringed instruments, lessons, and a community who would enjoy their growth in musical ability.

After the General Conference of 2019, Bishop Schwerin was asked by Bishop Hee-SooJung to lead a collaborative effort with conference partners to increase racial justice and radical inclusion. He then served as Assistant to the Bishop in the Wisconsin Conference. He has also served on the General Conference Task Force on Funding Patterns in the UMC.

Dan and Julie love evening walks and labyrinths. His poetry comes from life on a farm or making his rounds across thirty plus years as a pastor in Wisconsin. His debut haiku collection, [ORS](#), from red moon press, won the Haiku Foundation’s Touchstone Award in 2015.



The content of the 4-hour workshop is for people of Black African heritage. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at St. Mark UMC. For details and online registration, visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/black-healing-collective-4-hour-retreat>. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Please contact Amania Drane at [adrane@umcnic.org](mailto:adrane@umcnic.org) for questions.

### THANK YOU

The family of Mrs. Lillie Mae Washington would like to thank you for all the love and support you have given them during this time of bereavement. Rev. Brown and St. Mark UMC, thank you for your kindness and many prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kendall Woods	Logan Byron Dean
Laura A. Morgan	Georgi Leonard Bradley
Rahman J. Sumner	Ora Mae Elder
Braxton Slaughter	Cornelius Young
Rose Faulkner	Charmaine Williams



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

#### CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Ms. Lenise and Ms. Lauren Miller on the loss of their father, Mr. Robert Miller, who made his transition on February 16, 2023 in Chicago. His memorial service will be held at St. Mark UMC on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

Condolences to Mr. Ralph (Betty) Cross on the loss of his brother, Mr. Andre Dixon, who made his transition on March 2, 2023 in Orlando, Florida. Services are pending.

#### HOSPITALIZED

Ms. Jonita Lattimore is hospitalized at Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 95<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers from surgery.

SICK AND SHUT-IN		
Mrs. Brenda Thomas Asaju	Mrs. Jean Ball	Ms. Ambra Beach
Mr. Richard Bell	Mr. Calvin Bridges	Ms. Delores Cooper
Mrs. Betty Cross	Mrs. Narvell Duncan-Bell	Mrs. Dorothy Edwards
Ms. Chandra Eskridge	Ms. Marguerite Francis	Ms. Jennifer French
Mr. Birdge Givens	Ms. Darlene Graves	Ms. Alice Johnson
Ms. Susanna McClendon	Mr. Robert Neal	Mr. Ed Page
Mrs. Jacqueline Payne	Mr. Ted Polk	Mrs. Wilma Reynolds
Mr. Edison Smiley	Mrs. Patricia Smith	Ms. Angenette Thomas
Ms. Yvonne Tuck	Ms. Yvonne B. Tuck	Ms. Burnette Wade
Ms. Juanita Ward	Mrs. Barbara Wright-Pryor	

#### NURSING HOMES ~ REHABILITATION CENTERS ~ SENIOR LIVING

Ms. Theresa Bennett Autumn Green at Midway Village 6700 S. Keating, #208 Chicago, IL 60629 773-735-9215	Mrs. Dorothy Cox Symphony Lincoln Park 1366 W. Fullerton Avenue Chicago, IL 60614
Ms. Anne Cross Prairie Manor Nursing Home 345 Dixie Highway Chicago Heights, IL 60411	Ms. Evelyn Davis (Mother of Mr. Jeffrey Davis) Elevate Care 18200 S. Cicero Country Club Hills, IL 60478
Ms. Jessie Clarie Lattimore Grace Point Place 5701 W. 101 <sup>st</sup> Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453	Ms. Deborah Mason California Gardens Nursing Center 2829 S. California Avenue Chicago, IL 60608
Ms. Barbara McIntosh Symphony of Evanston 820 Foster Avenue Evanston, IL 60201	Mrs. Beatrice Outten c/o Ms. Cynthia Towns 1642 E. 56 <sup>th</sup> Street #1205 Chicago, IL 60637
Dr. Rudy Smith Smith Village 2320 W. 113 <sup>th</sup> Place #4306 Chicago, IL 60643	Mrs. Ruby Stephenson Belmont Village Senior Living 1035 Madison Street Oak Park, IL 60302
Mr. Julian Valentine Victory Centre of South Chicago 3251 E. 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street #202 Chicago, IL 60617	Mr. Louis Wright Smith Village 2320 W. 113 <sup>th</sup> Place Chicago, IL 60643

#### OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. Emma Baugh 5608 Westbranch Drive Fayetteville, NC 28306	Ms. Cheryl Davis 6190 Baltusrol Terrace Fairburn, GA 30213
Mr. Wendell & Mrs. LaDonna Johnson 12640 Holly Road, #B202 Grand Blanc, MI 48439	



#### 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

March 5, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalms 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17

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

#### VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Tune in to Sunday services online via YouTube or Facebook. For your convenience, the links are:

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

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

#### ST. MARK UMC CLERGY

Rev. P. Devon Brown, Senior Pastor

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Rev. Pamela Pirtle, Executive Administrative Pastor

[ppirtle@stmarkumcchicago.org](mailto:ppirtle@stmarkumcchicago.org)

#### AFFILIATED CLERGY

Rev. Atty. Francine Taylor-Thirus

Retired United Methodist Church Pastor

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Rev. Dr. Michelle Taylor Sanders

Retired United Methodist Church Pastor

#### 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	11:00am – 12:00pm
Monday	5:00pm – 9:00pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	9:00am – 9:00pm	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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