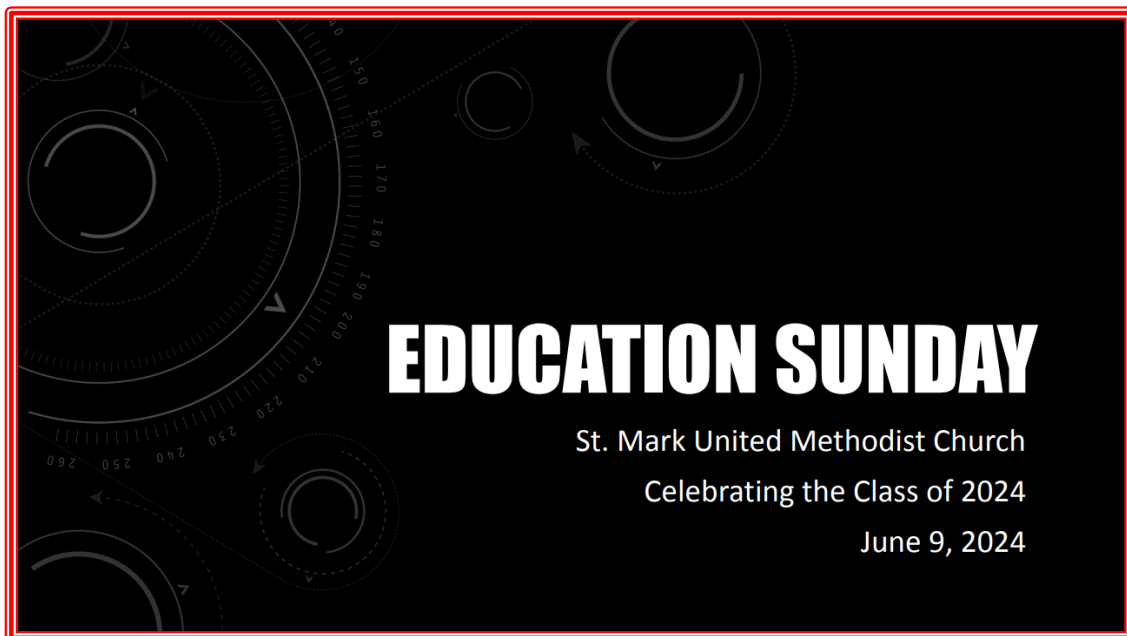


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# *Celebration of Learning*

## Order of Service

June 9, 2024

\*PROCESSIONAL

Commissioned For Christ (CFC)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Briana Jackson and Micah Johnson-Bell

**Briana:** Many voices are speaking to us today. in the movie theaters, on the concert stages, on the television.

**Congregation:** **Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

**Micah:** Many voices are speaking to us today. in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

**Congregation** **Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

**Briana & Micah:** Many voices are speaking to us today. through celebrities, commercials and through media.

**All Grads:** Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

**All:** **As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, to do what pleases you, and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us. Strengthen each of us to choose the high road, to live up to the greatness you placed within us, and to honor You in all our ways. Lord, we will listen for Your voice. AMEN.**

MUSICAL WITNESS

CFC

NEWS OF THE PARISH

AJ Clerk

READING SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 12:11-14

Ashleyrae Bowman

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 25:14-18

Eliot White

INTRODUCTION OF LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY

Delaney Curry

MUSICAL WITNESS "Joy to the World" by Whitney Houston

Liturgical Dance Ministry

SERMON

"Next"

Rev. P. Devon Brown

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CFC

MUSICAL WITNESS

## HIGHER EDUCATION PRESENTATION (Video)

LITANY

“Rites of Passage for Youth”

Gianna Mitchell and Grace Mitchell

**L1: God bless our youth that they may grow into men and women who honor you and reflect the best of their families and communities.**

P: As they experience, the difficult task of becoming adults, guide them in the pursuit of faith, identity, and purpose.

**L1: Above all they come to know you and love you with all their hearts. Minds and souls. Let them know that you are always with them, helping them fulfill the plan, which you have designed for their lives. May they keep your commandments and search out your will.**

P: Wherever life takes them, may they never cease to praise you, to pray, and to study your Holy Word.

**L1: God, save them from negative self-images, from feelings of hopelessness, and from peer pressure that contradicts the values which their families and churches have instilled in them.**

P: As Jesus increased in wisdom and favor, grant that young people may also attain spiritual and human maturity.

**L2: May they understand the responsibility and sensitivity necessary to become a friend, a leader, a spouse, and a parent.**

P: Lord, give them role models and mentors. Grant them spiritual immunity from the brokenness and meanness of life. Help them to develop good relationships with others.

**L2: May they acquire knowledge of their ancestry, master contemporary life skills, and understand the multicultural dimensions of our world.**

P: May they begin the adult journey by remembering the history of their people. May they travel with confidence.

**L2: May they value education and see themselves as an important part of their nation. Bless them to choose and prepare for careers and vocations that enrich their lives and the lives of others.**

P: As they set personal and career goals, give them the knowledge and capability to achieve them. Help them to aim high, embrace good health, moral principles, respect for life and property, and a desire to serve others.

P: May they feel connected to every village and nation of the world and understand the importance of participating in many arenas of life.

**ALL: God of our past, present, and future, let our youth see visions, discern problems and search for solutions. Make them and shape them into strong African American men and women.**

## SPECIAL AWARDS

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### \*BENEDICTION/CLOSING REMARKS

Now, may God's love embrace you. May Christ's grace cleanse you. May the Holy Spirit empower you to be the difference. In the name of Jesus. **AMEN.**

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



### 8th GRADE

Saniyah Faith McKenzie	Chicago Christian High School
Cailyn Johnson-Smith	Morgan Park
Christopher Smith, Jr	Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep
Leah Rose Rice	St. Ignatius School
Eliot James White	Kenwood Academy

### HIGH SCHOOL

Ashleyrae Bowman	University of Wisconsin at Madison
Jayden Cain	Thornton Fractional Township South High School
Kristopher Cain	Thornton Fractional Township South High School
Jillian Drake	Whitney Young Magnet High School
Micah Johnson-Bell	Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
Graham Lathan	Fenwick Catholic High School
Gianna Mitchell	Lindblom High School
Glyce Mitchell	Whitney Young Magnet High School
Grace Mitchell	Kenwood High School
Gabrielle Leoni Nash	Mother McAuley High School
Lydia Danielle Foster Ramsey	University of Michigan
Hannah Slaughter	CHI Arts
Liliana Tere' Wilcox	Governors State University

### COLLEGE

Consepeon Mitchell	Florida A&M University
Mia Mitchell	Hampton University
Briana Jackson	Loyola University

**We are ALL so very proud and wish you ALL the best  
no matter where your future efforts take you!**



# St. Mark

## 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.

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### BLOOD DRIVE ON TUESDAY

Eagle Scout Candidate, Marcellus Wilson of Troup 534, "HEY", Boy Scout of America, is hosting a Blood Drive and special CPR demonstration. Please come out to give blood on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at St. Mark UMC in the Young-Malone Fellowship Hall. "Kindness is in your blood! Your blood can save lives. We'd like to thank all donors for coming to give blood to help meet the urgent need for blood in the Black community. Get a \$20 gift card by email from our friend at Amazon.

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### POSSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

St. Mark's Higher Education Ministry is seeking to nominate rising high school students for the POSSE Scholarship. The nominating process closes on June 15, 2024. The POSSE Foundation takes a wholistic look at candidates' set of experiences as it determines scholarship recipients. For information about the POSSE Foundation and scholarship details, visit

<https://www.possefoundation.org/sites/chicago>.

If you wish to be nominated, email Dr. Carothers at [jackiecarothers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackiecarothers@sbcglobal.net) the following information: *\*your name, \*school, \*address, \*telephone number \*email address (preferably not your school email address.)*

185th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

**Fill the Truck**  
Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Greetings St. Mark! We are asking you again to support this year's Mission Drive with contributions of household cleaning supplies. The Mission Team will collect these items beginning Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The mission box will be located outside of the church office. We are asking you to prepare a kit(s) with one each of the above items, or donate any of the item(s) of choice. Thank you in advance for all your support with this year's Midwest Missions Drive. Peace and God's Blessings, Carole Hobson and Gwen Hudson, Co-Chairs - St. Mark's Mission Ministry

### Home Care Kit Shopping List

- Liquid Household Cleaner, 54 - 80 oz. (no spray bottles; e.g., Pine Glo, Fabuloso, Mr. Clean, etc.)
- Liquid Dish Soap, 42 - 64 oz. size
- Liquid Laundry Detergent, 100 - 150 oz. size
- Scrub Brushes – with or without handle
- 5 Gallon Round Buckets With Resealable Lid (*Available at WalMart - 5 Gallon Round Bucket (\$4.28) and Lid (\$1.98)*)

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### BUS MINISTRY

The St. Mark Bus Ministry is available for persons who need transportation to worship on Sundays. To reserve your seat, please contact the church office by Fridays at 773-846-2992.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Marie L. Richards	Jon Hall Bryant
Patricia A. Newly	Bettie W. Bell
Shannon Lightfoot	

**CONDOLENCES**

Mrs. Wilma Reynolds made her transition on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in Flint, Michigan. Services will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at St. Mark UMC: 10:00am visitation and pre-past and 11:00am memorial service.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Mr. Maurice Robinson and Mrs. Lois Moreland Dean on being honored at the Lake South United Methodist Men banquet today, June 8, 2024.

**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.

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**THANKS HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY**

Special thanks to the dedicated members of the Higher Education Ministry.

**Co-Chairpersons**

Jacqueline Carothers    Saundra Lightfoot

**Members**

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Deidra Battles     | Veletta Bell     | Nikki Boone-Ross  |
| Donna Bracey       | Sharon Brown     | Angelese Bunton   |
| Shaughn Bunton     | Tori Clark       | Semaj Coleman     |
| Jamille Hall       | Andrea Hargrave  | Carole Hobson     |
| Brianna Jackson    | Jewel Jackson    | Rosalyn Johnson   |
| Cliftena Kirkling  | Jonita Lattimore | Owinda Marchbanks |
| Patricia Phillips. | Jaelyn Pirtle    | Linda Pitts       |
| Virginia Reynolds  | Regeta Slaughter |                   |

SICK AND SHUT-IN		
Mrs. Leanna Anderson	Mrs. Brenda Thomas Asaju	Mrs. Jean Ball
Ms. Ambra Beach	Mr. Richard Bell	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>Mrs. Emma Baugh</b> 5608 Westbranch Drive Fayetteville, NC 28306	<b>Ms. Cheryl Davis</b> 6190 Baltusrol Terrace Fairburn, GA 30213
<b>Mrs. Mildred Porter</b> 19824 Greenbriar Drive Tarzana, CA 91356	

### TUTORING POSITIONS AT CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hello St. Mark, I am a member looking for a few good young people. I'm Dina Best a CPS teacher that is looking for tutors. I'm trying to connect with young people that are interested in working with children during the school year. CPS has paid training over the summer and fall. For more details about CPS Tutor Corps, visit <https://www.cps.edu/campaigns/tutor-corps/>.



# St. Mark United Methodist Church

## 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

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)	Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35

## ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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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Rev. Allyson Cressie Talbert

Deacon in Full Connection

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Retired United Methodist Church Pastor

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Rev. Dr. Michelle Taylor Sanders

Retired United Methodist Church Pastor

[onthewing@hotmail.com](mailto:onthewing@hotmail.com)

## 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