

Land Acknowledgement Statement
St Mark's Episcopal Church
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

We are a community of faith that strives for justice and peace among all people and respects the dignity of every human being. It is our desire to publicly acknowledge and pay respect to those who inhabited this land which St. Mark's Episcopal Church now occupies.

This sacred ground at what is now the intersections of Main Street, Hillside and Phillips Avenues in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, has a history we do not fully know nor comprehend. We wish to acknowledge and thank all the Indigenous peoples and Nations who inhabited this land for many thousands of years before us, for their care, respect and attention given to this ground on which we now stand. We also acknowledge the sin of forced displacement of Indigenous peoples by non-Native settlers and the sin of past and ongoing injustices against Native peoples.

It is our hope that this gathering here today, on this sacred ground, will mark a commitment to continuing dialogue and connection across cultures, leading to ongoing recognition of the truthful history of our community and country. It is our sincere desire to continue to learn about these ancestral homelands and to honor all Indigenous peoples who called and call this land home.

This Land Acknowledgement was developed by participants of Sacred Ground of St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn, in collaboration with Joseph Standing Bear of Midwest SOARRING Foundation, and utilized the Downers Grove Public Library Land Acknowledgement as a framework.

This Land Acknowledgment was approved by the St. Mark's Vestry on August 31, 2022 and took place on the front lawn of St. Mark's on Sunday, September 18, 2022.