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Sunday, January 16, 2022 St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Organist: Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn Reader: Lori Roelse

Meditative Music Bells Ring Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: All Glory Be to God on High

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: We mourn the wounds of God's children.

P: God weeps with us.

L: As we give thanks for the brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

P: God gives thanks with us.

L: As we struggle for justice,

P: God struggles with us.

L: As we strive for peace,

P: God strives with us.

L: As we work to build the beloved community,

P: God works with us.

L: As we offer gifts to all,

P: God blesses us.

L: Sisters and brothers rejoice!

P: Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

Hymn of Praise: (#354 Pilgrim - Insert)

Open My Eyes

Young At Heart:

Prayer of Confession:

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have at times refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ, shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as it is heaven.

Hymn of Assurance: (#217 Hymnal)

Rock of Ages

Scripture Reading:

All God's Children Great and Small

Genesis 1:26-31 Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Offering

Message:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

St. Mark's: Wie Schön Leuchtet

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. *Amen.*

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending: (#51 Pilgrim - Insert) He's Got the Whole World in his Hand

Closing Prayer: (all together)

Gracious God, you create us and love us; you make us to live together in community. We thank you for Martin Luther King Jr. and all your children who have been filled with your vision for our lives and who have worked to bring your vision into reality. Fill us with your vision. Guide us to live by your vision, working to build the beloved community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, privilege is no more, and all your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ we pray. *Amen.*

Benediction:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, bring peace and joy into the lives of others, give respect and honor to all whom you encounter, and be blessed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit. *Amen*.

Postlude: St. Mark's: *Praise and Thanks for the New Year*

Genesis 1:26-31 ESV

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE THESE CHILDREN OF GOD:

Birthdays: January 16th - Andy Schnelle, Warren Vandoske

17th - Andrew Nye

18th - Hailey Herman, Dorothy Schnell 21st - Scott Henschel, Williem Langenhahn

No Anniversaries

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

TODAY - St. James Annual Meeting following the Worship Service HS Group Meets....5:30-7pm at St. James

Wed., Jan. 19th - Confirmation Class, 6-7:30pm, St. James

Thurs., Jan. 20th - "Getting Acquainted With Your Bible" Study Group, 6pm, St. Mark's

Next Sunday, Jan. 23rd - St. James - 9:00am Worship 9-10am Sunday School St. Mark's - 10:30 Worship, Annual Meeting after shortened Worship 9-10am Sunday School