



April 7, 2024

St. Mark's/St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Julie A. Mavity Maddalena, Guest Pastor

Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist

Sandy Perronne, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's

St. James

*Christ Triumphant
Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Call to Worship:

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

All: give us the courage of Mary Magdalene.

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

All: give us the honesty of Thomas the apostle.

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

All: give us the joy of the gathered disciples.

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

All: give us the active spirit of the Risen Christ. Christ be praised.

Alleluia!

Doxology:

St. Mark's #34; St. James #551

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye Heavenly Host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer:

Oh God, bless us in this second Sunday of Easter, a Sunday when we are still exploring this shocking and wonderful reality of resurrection. As we enter this space from wherever we are, breathe on us. Flood our senses with your comforting presence so that we may experience You and Your community with our whole selves. Thank you for your faithfulness and for Your willingness to take on what it means to live in a vulnerable human body. In the name of the One who lived, breathed, died, and returned, we pray. amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's #298; St. James #165

The Day of Resurrection!

Young at Heart:



Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

**The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:**

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

John 20:19-31 ESV

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Message:

Trauma and Resurrection

Rev. Dr. Julie Mavity Maddalena

Hymn:

St. Mark's #77; St. James #277

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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.

Offering:

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

St. James

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Lilies

Peace in My Soul

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Living God, accept these gifts, and the reasons we give them: to bring purpose where there is hesitancy, to bring courage where there is struggle, to bring comfort where there is loss and grief, to bring assurance where there is self-doubt, to bring justice where this is oppression. These are the gifts of new life. Amen.

Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's #289

St. James #177

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Sing With All The Sons of Glory

Benediction:

And now we leave this community of the faithful, renewed in the Spirit to encourage the doubting. Renewed in the Spirit to encourage the downhearted. Renewed in the Spirit to encourage those who despair. Renewed in the spirit to be servants and advocates for Love. Amen.

Postlude:

St. Mark's

St. James

Glory To Our Risen Lord

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: www.stmstjucc.org

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

WELCOME!

To the parents of young children:

Relax! *God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*April 7th – Karen Becker, Dale Sprenger
11th – Bonnie Langenhahn
12th – Johnathan Grunwald, Gene Kaestner,
Michael Stolzmann
13th – LaVern Wippermann*

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

April 9th – David & Chrisine Gumm

ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wed., April 10th, 6:30pm

ST. MARK'S CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wed., April 10th, 7pm

ST. JAMES SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP- Sat., April 20th, 9am (rain date April 27th)
Please remove wreaths from St. James cemetery by Friday the 19th.



**WISCONSIN
CONFERENCE**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held Sat., April 20, from 9:00am - 2:00pm. at the Daycholah Center in Ripon.

New this year: A Youth Day Camp is offered to children/grandchildren of meeting attendees. Daycholah staff will lead a camp experience for youth in second through seventh grades.

Interested in attending as a delegate? Contact Pastor Patrick for registration.



St. James and St. Mark's
Ladies join us for

BUNCO NIGHT

Thursday, April 18th
6pm at St. James.

A \$5 participation fee is optional

Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich
or email tserketich@yahoo.com



Sunday!

If you've been seeking out and praying
for a way for God to use you to make a
difference in someone's life....

HERE'S YOUR ANSWER!

St. James is in need of multiple Sunday School
teachers starting in September!

Previous teaching experience is not necessary. The curriculum
is easy to follow and you will get help to get started. Being involved
with Sunday School is a great way to answer God's call and make
a positive difference (and it's fun!).

If you're a busy person, remember it's only one day a week!
Contact Christine Gumm for more information.

COME JOIN US FOR:



at ST. JAMES UCC, 1:00pm
SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 2024

OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN OF ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S
Feel free to bring a friend!



4-Week Sermon Series:

April 14, 21, 28, May 5th

- Week 1: The Bible is Historically Accurate
- Week 2: The Bible is Prophetically Accurate
- Week 3: The Bible is Scientifically Accurate
- Week 4: You Can Build Your Life On It

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matt 7:24

The logo for "BACK TO THE BIBLE" features the words "BACK" and "BIBLE" in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. The words "TO THE" are written in a smaller, white font between "BACK" and "BIBLE". The entire logo is set against a black background.

St. James U.C.C.

Brat Fry

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

4 - 7 PM

**13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton
Spring Valley**

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- *brats**
 - *hamburgers**
 - *chicken**
 - *dessert**

**Carry Outs
Only!**