



**Sunday, February 4, 2024**  
**St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Judy Steinbeck, Worship Leader at St. Mark's  
Rebecca Miota, Reader  
Jason Riesterer, Worship Leader at St. James  
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist  
Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

**Meditative Music**  
**Bells Ring**  
**Prelude Gathering for Worship:**

St. Mark's:  
St. James:

*Footsteps of Jesus*  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

## **Call to Worship:**

(Psalm 95:1-7)

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

**Let us sing psalms of praise to him.**

For the Lord is a great God,  
a great King above all gods.

**He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the mightiest mountains.**

The sea belongs to him, for he made it.  
His hands formed the dry land, too.

**Come, let us worship and bow down.**

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,  
for he is our God.

**We are the people he watches over,  
the flock under his care.**

## **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we gather in your presence today with open hearts and minds, ready to worship and praise your holy name. We ask that you bless this time of worship so that we may be uplifted and inspired by your presence. Fill us with your love and grace, and help us to honor you in all that we do. *Amen.*

## **Hymn:**

St. Mark's: (#2)

St. James Choir Anthem:

*O Worship the King*

*Shine on the World*

## **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.*

Young at Heart:



**Hymn:**

St. Mark's (#59)

St. James (#21)

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 98:4

*Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;*

*Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.*

Psalm 57:7

*My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;*

*I will sing, yes, I will sing praises*

Psalm 95:2

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,*

*Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

Psalm 108:1

*A Song, a Psalm of David.*

*My heart is steadfast, O God;*

*I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.*

**Message:**

**Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives.**

(Hymn Sing)

**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](http://stmstjucc.org)).

**Offertory Music:**

St. Mark's:

St. James:

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

*Take Time to be Holy*

*A Quiet Place*

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Merciful and generous Lord, you open your loving hands and bless us abundantly every day of our lives. Even when we go through dark times – suffering, sorrow, pain, desperation – you assure us that your loving, everlasting arms will not let us go. How generous are all your benefits, how supportive, how comforting to experience.

Accept our offering and thanks for your love, your grace and all the blessings you bestow on us daily. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:**

St. Mark's (#726)

St. James (#19)

*We Praise You, O God*

**Benediction:**

May our hearts sing of love  
pouring out upon a tree.

**May our hearts sing of peace  
that can calm an angry sea.**

May our hearts sing of joy  
in forgiveness, grace, mercy.

**May our hearts sing of faith  
in a God who sets us free.**

May our hearts sing of life  
lived well and abundantly.

**May our hearts sing, always.**

Amen.

**Postlude:**

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*Praise the Lord of Lords  
Sing to the Lord*

## A psalm of thanksgiving.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is GOD! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Psalm 100:1-5



## Our Church Celebrations!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

*February 4<sup>th</sup> – Mark Jurk*

*5<sup>th</sup> – Judy Steinbeck, Mary Ann Vogel*

*6<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Meyer*

*8<sup>th</sup> – Trevor Schueler*

*9<sup>th</sup> – Hillary Hermann, Kari Langenhahn, Ron Vandoske*

*10<sup>th</sup> – Elliot Gumm, Jon Herrmann,  
Briana Riesterer, Sue Vandoske*

### **ANNIVERSARY:**

*None this Week.*

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**TODAY –HS YOUTH GROUP – 5:30 pm at St. Mark’s**

**JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING – Mon., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Mark’s**

**QUILTING/SEWING GROUP MEETING – Tues., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-noon at St. Mark’s**

**ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING – Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**CHOIR REHEARSALS – Wednesday, February 7th**

St. James, 6:30pm

St. Mark’s, 7:00pm

**NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**, there will be a brief meeting of St. Mark’s congregation following the 10:30am Worship Service to vote on two issues.

Please make every effort to stay for the vote—we promise to make it fast 😊

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 7:00pm, February 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark’s.** Communion will be served.



Our quilters will be making quilts and lap robes. Our finished projects will go to Bridgeway in Sheboygan, Rocky Knoll Health Care Center in Plymouth, and Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

We are seeking a few donations:  
cotton fabric  
quilt batting  
self-healing cutting board  
working sewing machines  
ironing board  
iron

Please contact Lori Roelse with any questions, [lroelse@gmail.com](mailto:lroelse@gmail.com) or 920-946-3540.



## TOURNAMENT!

ST. JAMES UCC  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024  
1:00 PM

OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN OF  
ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S

There are upcoming Rural Church events:

**Sheepshead Tournament**, sponsored by the UCC Rural Church Fellowship, Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3pm at Bethlehem UCC. Doors open at 12:30. Entrance fee-canned goods and/or free will offering. All levels of skill are welcome, even beginners!

**Soup Cookoff**, sponsored by Rural Churches Mission, 11-2 on Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at Laack's Tavern & Ballroom. Enter your favorite soup for tasting; Come to taste the soups! \$10 adults/\$5 children 12 and under.

*There are signs posted at each church with more information about these events.*

**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:  
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Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: [www.stmstjucc.org](http://www.stmstjucc.org)

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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."*