

#### Sunday, March 3, 2024 St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist Sandy Perronne, Reader Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Meditative Music Bells Ring Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: Cleansing Fountain
St. lames: Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship: (Psalm 23)
In the darkest valley,
 at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
 at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
 at times set aside –
like this time, now –

for worship, for listening, for paying attention; with every step we take:

goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### Prayer:

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal home, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. *Amen.* 

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#471) St. lames (#234) As The Deer
As the Hart

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.* 

**Choral Anthem:** 

#### **Scripture Reading:**

John 2:13-22 ESV

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Message: I Will Raise It Up Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**St. Mark's** (#255) **St. James** (#161)

#### 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: Just A Closer Walk With Thee

St. James: Holy, Holy, Holy

 $\sim$  The offering is brought to the altar  $\sim$ 

#### Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize they are a small portion compared to what you have given to us.

As we seek ways to fund church ministry, guide our hearts and our wills to give cheerfully and sacrificially to help raise the Kingdom of God, here on earth as it is in heaven. May all glory and honor be with you. In Jesus' name. *Amen.* 

#### **Hymn of Sending:**

**St. Mark's** (#323 **St. James** (#471)

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise More Love to Thee

#### **Benediction:**

Beloved, may Jesus Christ go ahead of you this week, turning over the tables that distract and raising you up to join in the abundant life of the Triune God whose love binds us together as the Body of Christ. Go now in mercy and love, to serve the Lord: In all that you do; and all that you are and all you will be. Amen.

Postlude: St. Mark's: March In D

St. James: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#### **COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!**

St. James UCC

~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: <a href="mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com">stmstjoffice@gmail.com</a>



#### **Our Church Celebrations!**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Karra Drewieske, Tracy Steinbeck

4<sup>th</sup> - James Luckow

6th - Wyatt Henschel

7th - Dale Krause

8th - Jameson Binversie

#### NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

### TODAY IS OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION SUNDAY and the YOUTH CHILI DINNER!

**EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINES** at St. James, TODAY!

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - meets Tuesday, March 5th, 9-noon at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL - Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30pm

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING - Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30pm

LENTEN WORSHIP - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th, 7PM AT ST. JAMES

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING - Thursday, March 7th, 6pm.

ST. MARK'S CHOIR REHEARSAL - Thursday, March 7th, 7pm.



Dear friends and church family,

Because I am unable to go on the mission trip this summer (Elliott County, KY) and my spot is currently reserved, I want to offer this up for anyone who would like to go in my stead. It doesn't have to be someone from this church (or even the UCC). You might know of a youth or young adult who would like to go this summer. If so, contact me or Anna Marie Bramstedt of St. Mark's. This opportunity will be held open until March 9th when we will forfeit the spot.

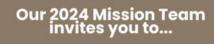
Thank you! Pastor



### **TOURNAMENT!**

ST. JAMES UCC SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 1:00 PM

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



# Miesteld's BRAT FRY



St. Mark's, St. James, and Immanuel U.C.C. are raising funds for a youth mission trip to Elliot County, Kentucky.

## WHERE

Miesfeld's

4811 Venture Dr.

Sheboygan, WI.

53083

# WHEN

Saturday

March 16th, 2024

@ 9am. to 2pm.

### TODAY---COME SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH!



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13312 Pioneer Road, Spring Valley Newton, WI 53063



Drive-Thru

Hosted by St. Mark's / St. James' Youth Fellowship

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Carry Out Only!!

Quart of Chili: \$7.00

Gallon of Chili: \$22.00

All carry outs will include chili, crackers, fresh bread, cheese, and a dessert!