



Sunday, February 27, 2022
St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz Organist: Ann Rodewald

Meditative Music
Bells Ring Prelude

Gathering for Worship: *Surely the Presence (of the Lord Is in This Place)*

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: In the midst of strife and amazing life, God is with us!

P: Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

L: In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

P: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

L: In the joyous days with snorting laughter, God is with us!

P: Let us praise and worship you, and only you!

L: Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

P: We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God.

Opening Prayer:

God of Jacob, who rested his head on a stone pillow and saw visions of your angels, be with us this day. Give us a vision of your presence in the midst of our strife. Give us courage and confidence that you are with us, calling us to be your loving people in the world. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

Hymn of Praise: (# 314 Hymnal)

How Firm a Foundation

Young At Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God's seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God outpoured for you. You are God's beloved ones. Come, live in the light of God. *Amen.*

Hymn of Assurance: (#471 Hymnal)

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Affirming Our 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:

Genesis 28:10-22

Message:

Two Tales of One Man ~ Part II

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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:

It Took a Miracle

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world.

We are proof of God's love. And so, we who are the gifts of creation now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love. *Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer and 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: (#7 Hymnal)

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Benediction: (responsively)

Go into God's world with confidence and hope. God's presence is with you in all that you do. Be those people who plant seeds of comfort and hope. God will bring about the harvest in due time. *Amen.*

Postlude:

May the Lord Be With You

Genesis 28:10-22 ESV

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder^[a] set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it^[b] and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

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GPS

Grow – deeper in our faith and relationship with God.

Pray – pray daily for family, neighbors, and others.

Study – read the Bible, pray over what we read, ask questions.

Additional Text: Genesis 28:1-22; 32:22-32; 35:1-15

“When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.... This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

One of the most famous dreams ever recorded is the one Jacob had when he fled from his brother. Alone in the wilderness, using a stone for a pillow, he dreamed of a stairway connecting earth and heaven. In his dream he saw angels moving up and down. He awoke with a sense of awe, pledging to give back to God a tenth of everything God would give him in the future. For a moment, Jacob was no longer scheming and striving to get ahead. Instead, he was simply responding with worship and thanksgiving and trust to the God who promised to care for him.

Prayer: Lord, help me to sense your presence in my life and to rest in the confidence that you can take care of me far better than I can take care of myself. Thank you for everything you’ve given me. Please give me faith to set aside some of these blessings so that I can give them back to you. *Amen.*



This week's celebrations:

BIRTHDAYS:

February:

27th – Karie Ladwig

28th – Poppy Binversie, Gary Sixel

29th – Eunice Stolzmann, Walter Taylor

No Anniversaries this week

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."*

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at: 920-693-8361

LOOKING AHEAD... NEXT SUNDAY, March 6th
Our Church's Wider Mission Sunday ...

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10am Sunday School

St. James: 10:30am Worship
NO Sunday School



EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE TODAY!

**ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING TODAY after Worship.**

ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE – TODAY after Worship.

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday, March 1st, 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS- Wednesday, March 2nd at St. Mark's

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with Communion - Wednesday,
March 2nd, 7pm at St. Mark's.**

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING - Thursday, March 3rd, 6:30pm

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CHILI DINNER PREP - at St. James, Saturday, March 5th.

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/yfchili2022>

If you are looking to give a cash donation or would like to help in any other way,
please feel free to contact Kari Langenhahn at (920)629-7630