



**BE THE PERSON
YOU WANT TO BE
REMEMBERED AS.**

Sunday, February 6, 2022

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Organist: Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn Reader: Lori Roelse, Deb LaDuke

Meditative Music
Bells Ring Prelude

Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: In Retrospect on *Leaning*

St. James: *Leaning*

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world-we declare with joy and trust:

P: Our world belongs to God!

L: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

P: Our world belongs to him!

L: God is King! Let the earth be glad!

P: Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

L: The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

P: Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

Hymn of Praise: (#1 Hymnal)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Installation of New Consistory Members

Young At Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

O God, help me to live today. I have had my yesterdays, and some were not so good. What happened yesterday cannot be changed, but I can be changed. Past actions cannot be undone, but future actions can be shaped. Decisions made to benefit myself and only myself were not wise decisions but knowing you and giving myself to you is the first step to true wisdom.

Breathe upon me, O Breath of God, and grant me the courage to be the person I know I should be, that in so being, I might gain the peace I seek. Help me to live today the way you would have me live, in your will and to your praise and glory. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*

Words of Assurance:

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Hymn of Assurance: (Binder #16)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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:

Psalm 39:4-5; 101:1-4

Message: *What's Important to Us? Leaving a Legacy*

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:

St. Mark's: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
St. James: *A Quiet Place*

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. 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: (#427 Pilgrim People (insert)

Marching to Zion

Closing Prayer: (all together)

Lord God, we delight in being in your presence and we thank you that your grace has covered us in this time of worship. We cherish our oneness with you and with each other. While we come from different backgrounds and experiences, we are one in purpose. Thank you for the truths we have learned today. As we go forth to serve, may your grace be with us all. Amen.

Benediction: (Romans 15:13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Go now to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are and all that you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude

St. Mark's: *Praise the Lord of Lords*
St. James: *Sing to the Lord*

Psalm 39:4-5

*O LORD, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!*

Psalm 101:1-4

*I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.
I will ponder the way that is blameless.
Oh when will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart
within my house;
I will not set before my eyes
anything that is worthless.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not cling to me.
A perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will know nothing of evil.*

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**Installation of New Consistory Members:
Recognition of serving on the Consistory:**

**Jackie Mueller, Jason Riesterer
Jason Riesterer, Clarence Belitz**

1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Sisters and Brothers,

We are gathered today as one body in Christ, in worship and praise of a loving and faithful God who has richly blessed us time and time again.

In response to God's blessing and commitment to St. James, we pause to give thanks and to recognize those, through their willingness to commit and serve have faithfully done so on the Consistory Board.

Today, we recognize the years of service Clarence has given – his time, spiritual gifts, leadership and guidance for the people St. James for the purpose of deepening our faith and broadening our reach.

Today, we also recognize and commit two new members to a three year term on the Consistory Board beginning January 1, 2022.

Jackie Mueller and Jason Riesterer, as you stand before God, Church and family will you commit to serving St. James (and when called upon – St. Mark's) to the best of your God-given talents, gifts and abilities. **We will.**

Will you faithfully participate in the ministries of St. James by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your invitation? **We will.**

Do you believe you have been called by the Holy Spirit to use your skills to lead in your church and community, to expand our caring ministries, and to witness to the Christian faith in worship, invitation, welcoming and hospitality? **We do.**

Will you be in prayer for your family, your church and church family, your pastor, and your community? **We will.**

Will you follow the by-laws and constitution of the UCC Consistory; will you follow the spirit of the law as given to us by Christ and intended by Christ. **We will.**

To the Congregation:

As a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your invitation, will you commit today to continue to share God's grace and the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the community? **We will.**

Will you honor, support and encourage Jackie and Jason in their ministries? **We will.**

Will you accept their leadership and the leadership of the Consistory – supporting and encouraging them through prayer, and when in doubt communicate effectively and directly with the Consistory? **We will.**

Prayer: Almighty God, you have bound us together to work for your reign on earth. Bless these people as they share their gifts and ministry with us and the community at large. Grant that all of us, by drawing nearer to you, may always be close to one another in the communion of your saints through Christ our Lord. Amen.



This week's celebrations:

BIRTHDAYS:

February 6th – Jeff Meyer

8th – Trevor Schueler

*9th – Hillary Hermann, Kari Langenhahn
Ron Vandoske*

*10th – Elliot Gumm, Joh Herrmann,
Briana Riesterer, Sue Vandoske*

12th – Amanda Russart

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."*

LOOKING AHEAD... NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 13th ...
SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY (see insert)!

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

St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

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TODAY: HS YOUTH MEETING - St. Mark's, 5:30pm. *Be sure to bring your Bible. A huge THANK YOU to Pat & Noreen Flook for providing the meal 😊

JOINT CONSISTORY - Mon., Feb. 7th, 6pm, St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday, Feb. 8th, 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS- Wed., Feb. 9th, 6-7:30pm at St. James

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Thursday, Feb. 10th, 6pm at St. Mark's

*****Registration Deadline for the RCF Soup Cook-Off is Feb. 20th.
Registration fee is \$10. Contact Judy Steinbeck from St. Mark's, 920-917-2398, if you're interested in participating.**

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

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: Mark 10:32-45; 16:12-20

What is most important to us? Making a difference in someone's life?

Whether our deepest desire is to make a difference in our children's lives or in the lives of thousands, how we live our lives and conduct ourselves can be held to that point. Think of those who have made a difference in your life.

Was it the Super Bowl MVP 5-10 years ago? Do you even remember who was the MVP 5 years ago? Maybe the academy award winners of last year? The Indy 500 champ? Your favorite TV or movie star? There are so many iconic figures in our lives that we sometimes try to pattern ourselves after, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. Although, that does depend on the character of that person.

I admire those who have made such achievements in their lives; but I don't covet their life, nor do I pattern myself after them. I do, however, remember my Sunday school teachers and the understanding of Christianity they imparted upon me. They helped me to see Jesus in a new and exciting way. I remember VBS leaders who told a biblical story in a new way – engaging my imagination and heart. I remember my high school English teacher, Mr. Stohl, who saw some gift in my writing and helped me to develop those skills. I remember my pastor who saw something in me and kept encouraging me to develop in ministry and because of all of this I am who I am today.

These have been just some of the difference makers in my life. They live through the person I have become – as well as countless others they influenced. How about you? Who are your difference makers? Are you a difference maker?

Prayer: Lord God Almighty, let me live fully into the creation you have made me to be. Help me to be a difference maker. *Amen.*

Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 13th, the Super Bowl will be played out determining the top NFL team. While the top team can (and usually does) change from year to year, our Lord God never changes.

And our God knows we can't always do it on our own. So, he instructs those who love him to help care for one another. Hebrews puts it like this: *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."*

In July, our mission team is joining with others on a trip to Knoxville TN to do just that – helping others in need. This team of missionaries: Anna Marie Bramstedt; Olivia Bramstedt; Sierra Bramstedt; Pastor Patrick will be leaving on the 15/16th and returning on the 22/23rd.

To support your missionaries, we will have a **"Soup-er" Bowl Sunday**

where you can bring cans/boxes of soup to be collected by our confirmation class and taken to SCIO when they are on a scheduled tour of the facility.

In addition to the soup, we would also ask you to bring a donation (\$5, \$10, or free will gift) which will go to the cost of the mission trip.

