



Sunday, January 14, 2024
St. James and St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Ann Rodewald, Organist
Scott Siekman, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Glorify Thy Name

Call to Worship:

At the heart of everything lies Jesus Christ, who offers us something no one else and no other thing can.

In the messiness of life, I choose Jesus Christ.

At times I feel my head and heart being turned away from Christ, distracted by loud noises, shiny objects and empty promises.

Help me to let the distractions go, I choose Jesus Christ.

There is a God-sized hole in my life, that only God can fill.

I may stumble; I may fall; I may turn away; I may run; but I choose Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Prayer:

Glory to you O Lord above. Let this morning be the beginning of a new life for all of us. Let the songs we sing ring out in praise. May our prayers come from the heart and the amens be called out with jubilee and celebration. Let our fellowship draw us closer to one another, even as we draw closer to you in this time of worship. And may we be blessed by your Word. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. James (#300)
St. Mark's (#449)

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Day by Day*

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. James (#287)
St. Mark's (#424)

*God of Grace and God of Glory
How Can I Keep from Singing!*

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Message:

Messy Church

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:

As the Deer

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Generous God, we ask you to bless these gifts this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply a new life in you. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. 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. James (#474)

St. Mark’s (#716)

*I’ve Found a Friend, O Such a Friend
God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Benediction:

Beloved disciples, go forth today in the assurance that whether you answer the first time, the second time, or the hundredth time, God never stops calling, never stops guiding, and never stops forming you because God’s love never fails. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude:

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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.

TODAY: ST. MARK’S ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING is next week Sunday, Jan. 21st, after the Worship Service.

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

Our Church Celebrations!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

January 14th – Brenda Miota, Tim Schueler
16th – Warren Vandoske
17th – Andrew Nye
18th – Hailey Hermann

ANNIVERSARY:

January 14th - Gary & Sheri Kaestner

ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wed., January 17th, 6:30pm

HS YOUTH MEETING – Next week Sunday, January 21st at 5:30pm at St. James

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24TH. Email them to Karen at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com or drop off in the secretary office at St. Mark's.



The Quilting/Sewing Group will have its first meeting on Monday, January 15 at 9:00am in the St. Mark's basement. Please

 **TOMORROW**

Full-size "Share Night Sheets", which need to be handed in with your order to get the donation, are at church.

