



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Loving the Light

DEPTHS OF LOVE WORSHIP SERIES

Sunday, March 10, 2024
One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
St. James and St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Ann Rodewald, Organist
Scott Siekman, Reader
Kathy Jurk, Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

God So Loved the World

Call to Worship:

Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

Only in God do we find our rest.

Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.

Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a prophet, priest, and king and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross. Blessed are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a servant to show us the fullness of God's love for humanity. Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the cross, triumphant in the Savior's resurrection so all might have eternal life. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. James (#47 - Binder)

St. Mark's (#649)

Gather Us In



Young at Heart:

St. James: The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism of Cole Steven Lodes

Baptism of Daphne Jane Lutze

St. James: (#15 - Binder)

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

St. Mark's - 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.*

St. Mark's Choral Anthem:

The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture Reading:

John 3:14-21 ESV

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Message:

Loving the Light

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#248)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

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. James (#43)

When Morning Gilds the Sky

St. Mark's (#449)

Day By Day

Benediction:

Beloved, today God sends us out with a blessing and a practice. Repeat after me: (*breathe in*) God, fill me with Love ... (*breathe out*) and empty me of condemnation.

May you carry this prayer with you this week, knowing that with every breath you breathe, you are blessed and sustained by Love who journeys with us in light and in darkness. 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:

Postlude-Marziale





Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*March 10th - Larry Perronne, Jack Schnelle
Lindsay Wippermann, Milton Wippermann
11th - David Grunwald
13th - Louise Jetzer, Hannah Schmitz
14th - Kayla Sommer, Patty Taylor
16th - Scott Zolltheis*

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

March 12th - Tim & Brenda Miota

****ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING special offering TODAY!***

You may bring it to church throughout the month

RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP - Meeting today at 6:30pm at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL - Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30pm

***LENTEN WORSHIP - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th, 7PM AT ST. MARK'S**

ST. MARK'S CHOIR REHEARSAL - immediately following the Worship Service on Wednesday.

***MISSION TEAM BRAT FRY SATURDAY AT MEISFELD'S** (see flyer next page)

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS BUILDING FUND SUNDAY.

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - meets Tuesday, March 19th, 9am-noon, at St. Mark's

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES - due next week Wednesday, March 20th.



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**

Our 2024 Mission Team
invites you to...

Miesfeld'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.



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:
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

Lenten Services:

March 13th, 7pm, at St. Mark's UCC

March 20th, 7pm, at St. James UCC

**March 24th, Palm Sunday Worship -
9am at St. James UCC, 10:30am at St. Mark's UCC**

**March 28th, Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion, 7pm,
at St. James UCC**

**March 29th, Good Friday Worship with Communion, 7pm, at
St. Mark's UCC (the wrong location was on the church calendar)**

**March 31st, Easter Sunday Worship with Communion,
9:00am at St. James UCC and 10:30am at St. Mark's UCC**