



May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Randy Sohn, Organist Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Lori Roelse, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

See How Great a Flame Aspires

Call to Worship: (Psalm 130)

Healing God, we come together in our brokenness,
to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

Wholeness-giving God, hear our prayers, we pray.

Restoring God, we gather to worship you,
even as we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

God, our Quiet-Center, hear our prayers this day.

Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you!

In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

**God – our Beginning and our End, the Alpha and Omega,
we hope always in you.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer:

In times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us, the grace that we depend on.

In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, 'Come... find rest.' This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit, the path that leads to you, and for which we offer all praise and glory. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#405)

St. James (#221)

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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.

**St. Mark's Hymn (#544)
St. James Choral Anthem**

*The Church's One Foundation
Be Strong in the Lord*

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 7:24-27 ESV

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Message:

You Can Build Your Life On It

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Come to this table, where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God into a meal of love and grace ~ a supper of visions and dreams ~ a table where all souls are welcome.

Loving God, whose Divine Lungs exhaled the Spirit into our World.
Your breath continues to transform our world from the still to the stirring.
Before the earth was formed the Spirit of God swirled through voids and shadows.

As woman and man were created the air of God filled the lungs of Adam and the soul of Eve. This Divine Air continues to fill us up when our bones are dry, and spirits are sluggish.

On this day of Pentecost when we celebrate the breath of the Spirit coming upon the disciples, we invite the Spirit to come upon these elements.

God of winds, pour out your Spirit to make the elements come alive for us.

Make this meal awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls.

May this time of eating and drinking be one

where we stir from our sadness and rise from our hopelessness.

May we begin to celebrate visions

And animate the dreams that have only been alive in our minds.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: *“Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: *“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and all for the forgiveness of all sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

As we join in this celebratory meal, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

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:

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (2 Corinthians)

Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before you, we acknowledge the gift of your grace, freely given and yet calling us to respond. Help us not to accept your grace in vain, but to let it bear fruit in our lives and in our communities. May our actions reflect the renewing power of your grace as we open our hearts to love, to vulnerability, and to relationship, trusting in the abundance of your grace to guide us. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#569)

St. James (#287)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction:

Oh God, our Rock, you are our shelter when storms come our way. We are secure, no matter what news we hear of danger. You are our rock and our defense. We will not be alarmed or fearful. When the wind rages around us, we have our safe retreat in you. May we, your Church, be a shelter in the storm for those in need today. For as we find anchor in your peace, may we be of solace to others. You alone are our refuge, be ever near us, and keep us safe as we go forth to love and serve the Lord in all that we do, all that we are, and all we will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Rejoice, the Lord is King



Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

May 19th – Jean Henschel, Carson Spindler

20th – Noreen Flook

21st – Owen Schnelle

22nd – Samuel DeBlaey, Daniel Kleinhans

25th – Roxi Bernhardt

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

May 20th – Brian & Sheila Hemb

21st – Randall & Karen Krause

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP- meets 9am-noon Tue., May 21st at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE meets at 6:30pm Tues., May 21st

Collection boxes, along with "Wish Lists" for Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota are located at each church. Donations will be accepted through the end of June. You may also give a cash donation. If you have any questions, contact St. Mark's members, Pat & Noreen Flook.





St. James and St. Mark's

Ladies join us for

BUNCO NIGHT

Thursday, May 23rd

6pm at St. James.

A \$5 participation fee is optional

Please join us and RSVP to

Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich
or email tserketich@yahoo.com

SCIO Family Pathways Supervised Visitation Open House

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:00AM-1:00PM

- Light Lunch
- Informational Handouts
- Facility Tours
- Meet & Greet with Staff

May is Supervised Visitation Awareness Month

Come see what our Supervised Visitation program is all about!



SCIO
Sheboygan County
Interfaith Organization

Supervised
Visitation
Network

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2024

Growing With God

August 13, 14, 15

9am to noon

hosted at

St. Mark's UCC



All children welcome!

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 is on summer break~

St. Mark's UCC

**1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.**



Memorial Day,
Monday May 27th,
at 8:30am
the Wagner-Eberke -Sukowaty
American Legion Post 477
in St. Nazianz will be
conducting
military honors at
St. James Cemetery
for those who lost their lives
while defending their country.

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:
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Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com