



Wednesday, February 21, 2024
St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Call to Worship: (Psalm 30:1-5)

I will worship you, O LORD, for you have drawn me close to you and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from depths of darkness; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger during the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer:

Let your blessing be upon us, O heavenly Father, as we pass through these holy days, we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord.

Grant that with his holy example ever before us, we will follow him in willing obedience, learn from his gracious humility, and being filled with his love and self-sacrifice, learn the lessons of a life pleasing to you and helpful to all people; through him who loved us and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#142)

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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.*

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 41:3 ESV

*The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health*

Message:

Sustained in Sickness

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn: (#192)

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

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:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of Boundless Goodness and Grace, we come to you to worship you with our songs, our words, our gifts and our whole hearts. We are reminded that our decision to follow you involves more than what we bring to the altar today. It calls us to a place where a cross, this is ours alone, must be picked up and carried.

This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help our brothers and sisters carry their crosses as well. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending: (#23 Binder)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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:

Dedication

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

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