



Wednesday, February 28, 2024
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Ann Rodewald, Organist
Kathy Jurk, Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

In the Cross Of Christ I Glory

Call to Worship: (Psalm 25)

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

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:

We thank you, our heavenly God, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept us this day; and I pray that you would forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into your hands, we commend ourselves, body and soul, heart and mind. Let the Holy Spirit be with us, that the evil one would have no power over us. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#258)

At the Cross

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.*

Choral Anthem:

My Lord is Waiting in the Garden

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 41:4 ESV

*As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"*

Message:

Be Gracious To Me

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn: (#134)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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:

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Lord, my Rock and Redeemer, thank you that you are infinitely, consistently, and perfectly wise. You have said that whatever we give is acceptable if we give it eagerly. You have said that we should give according to what we have. Help us to bring our offerings with an eager heart, not as a comparison with others but as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending: (#261)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Benediction:

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:

walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God

walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

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:

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

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.



**“OUR LORD HEALS”
(PSALM 41:4)**

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com