



Sunday, January 22, 2023

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Ann Rodewald, Organist

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Call To Worship:

L: We have come

P: To join in worship and adore the Lord our God.

L: Let us come in prayer and song

P: Expecting God to speak his mighty Word.

L: Let us love our God supremely

P: Let us love each other too.

L: Let us care for all his people

P: Till our God makes all things new.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise father, son, and holy ghost

Hymn of Praise:

(#12 The Hymnal & #40 Worship & Rejoice)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer:

Dear ever-living God, with your power nothing is impossible. With spirit raised and hearts trusting, we are grateful for your promise that when two or more are gathered, you are there among them.

We thank you for the opportunity to gather in your holy presence once more. Oh Lord, we ask that you would bless us in our worship of you today that we may become instruments of your greater purpose. We pray that you would give us a yearning heart and open ear so that we may thirst for your word and manifest your glory today. These we ask in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

Young at Heart:



Hymn:

St. James: (#21 Hymnal)

St. Mark's: (#419 Worship & Rejoice)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs. 1-3)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1-3)

Prayer of Confession:

O Good and Gracious God, give us hearts that wait with patient faith. Build in us the assurance that you are at work and in control. Forgive us for our impatience, our uneasiness, and our wandering desires when we do not feel that we have what we need. Help us to see and to rejoice in the fruit that you are bearing in our own lives and in the lives of those around us—in the small things as well as the big things—and guide us to rest our concerns and anxieties in you.

Although our faith is often weak, we look to you and find assurance, for you have promised, “He that believes in Me shall have everlasting life.” We are burdened by our sins and our hearts tremble, but you have said, “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, and I will raise you up on the last day and you shall have eternal life.” We cannot do any of this for ourselves. We come to you for help.

Words of Assurance: (Based on Romans 8:1-4)

There is now no condemnation for those of us who belong to Jesus Christ! We no longer have to live under the threat of God’s judgment. For through Jesus, we have been freed from the tyranny of sin and death. For Jesus did what the law could never do. He personally took on the human condition, entering into the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. Through him we have been set free! Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading:

Song of Solomon 6:2-3 (NIV)

“My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to browse in the gardens and to gather lilies. I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine; he browses among the lilies.”

Message:

The Greenhouse Affect

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn of Response:

St. James: (#182 Hymnal)

St. Mark’s: (#134 Worship & Rejoice)

*Fairest Lord Jesus
Sweet, Sweet Spirit (2x)*

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:

In the Garden

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *Amen*.

Prayer of the People and the 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 (#464 Hymnal)
St. Mark's (#730 Worship & Rejoice)

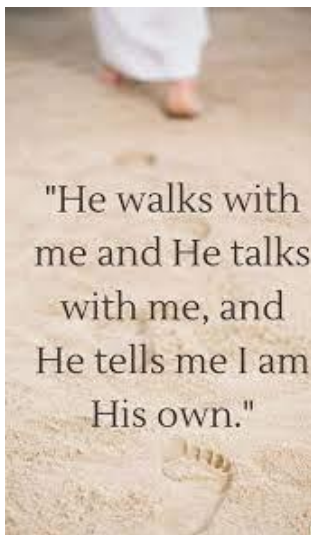
*Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

Benediction:

... Go now to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all that you will be. *Amen*.

Postlude:

Thanks Be To God



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