



October 10, 2021

St. James United Church of Christ

St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Organist: Ann Rodewald

Reader at St. Mark's: Scott Siekman

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Because He Lives

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

P: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

L: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

P: But the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

P: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing.

Opening Prayer (all together):

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. Amen.

The 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. Amen.*

Hymn of Life: (#168 The Hymnal)

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Young At Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we become so enamored of the glitz and glitter of the world. It is as though our lives were lived in "catalog shopping; sensationalized commercials; the lives of the Rich and Famous" design. We have so much and want so much more. Turn our hearts from the pitches in the media about the latest and best of everything, and toward striving to serve you more faithfully. Make us to be less about gathering more and more possessions. Break our bonds and chains to materialism and greed. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can do this for us.

Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to service, and having heard and understood that call, may we be about the work of the kingdom.

Words of Assurance: (all together)

Jesus understands our cries for help and our struggles with weakness. He forgives and heals our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are healed and transformed. Praise our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance: (#472 Hymnal)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer of Illumination:

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:**Message:****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* ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, talents and abilities, and the desire to know you more deeply. Into these bowls and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending: (#466 Hymnal)

He Leadeth Me

Benediction:

May the Good Lord bless you and keep you in closeness and tenderness. May the Lord shine his face upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord of the heavens and earth give you peace, now and always. *Amen.*

Postlude

He Rose Triumphantly

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 ESV

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**GPS**

Grow – deeper in our faith and relationship with God.

Pray – pray daily for family, neighbors, and others.

Study – read the Bible, pray over what we read, ask questions.

Additional Text:**1 Corinthians 20-58**

The question is, “How are the dead raised?” The answer is, “We don’t know for certain.”

But, see how Paul talks about it in this chapter of Corinthians which teaches about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. God will raise up new bodies; whether it is scraping together the dust of the original body and refashioning it, or whether it is giving a new one. We believe that he’s going to do something of this nature for one reason only, because he raised up Christ from the dead. And we know that he did it.

Death isn’t an end; it is a brief passageway into an unspeakable glory. Therefore, encourage one another with these things. Paul’s teaching of course, is for believers only, people committed to Christ. Those who have not committed themselves to Christ have chosen to live their lives independently of God, and God choose not to infringe upon their liberty. But consider this thought – an eternity of independence from God.

Prayer: Lord, I commit myself to you in all ways. You are my Lord, Savior and Redeemer. Guide my every thought, action and direction in life that I may be the one you have created me to be. *Amen.*

NOTES:



*If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care,
please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858
or leave a message on the church's
answering machine at: 920-693-8361*

This week's celebrations:

Birthdays:

*Oct. 10th – Kay Bitter
11th – Christine Hayon
12th – Kathy Jurk
14th – Sandy Perronne, Wendy Schueler
15th – Denise Heling*

Anniversaries:

*Oct. 11th – Jay & Kayla Sommer
12th – Jon & Julie Herrmann; James & Michelle Luckow;
Andy & Hannah Roelse
13th – Jim & Karen Becker
14th – Vernon & Jean Henschel; Rieck & Sandra Beiersdorf
16th – Zachary & Sadie Koenig*

Website: www.stmstjucc.org email: stmstjoffice@gmail.com
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Send an email to be added to our prayer team.
Messages are uploaded to YouTube: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

LOOKING AHEAD... NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 17th

MISSION FEST AT ST. JAMES

10:00 Worship Service

No Sunday School

Ham Dinner, Carry-Outs Only, 11am – 1:00pm

(No Worship or Sunday School at St. Mark's)



St James MISSION FEST speaker this year is Pam Wittkopp and Kelly Tiegs from Dogs2DogTags. This is a wonderful program that's Mission is to save at-risk, rescued, or donated dogs, train them, and place them with deserving service members who have been diagnosed with post-combat stress and anxiety. The purpose is to provide the veteran, at no cost, a constant companion to help them cope with the unique challenges in everyday life.

Pam Wittkopp, Executive Director Pam joined D2DT with many years living her passion for saving dogs in need. She is a Nationally Certified Dog Trainer and Certified Dog Bite Prevention Educator.

Kelly Tiegs, Director of Canine Operations Kelly joined D2DT after working with at-risk dogs with various rescues and shelters. Kelly brings many years of training experience and is currently working towards her certification.

Dogs2DogTag rescues at-risk dogs, trains them, and provides them to Veterans suffering from PTSD and other post-combat anxiety disorders.

CROP WALK TODAY!

ST.JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL – 6:30pm, Tuesday, October 12th

STUDY GROUPS – with Pastor Patrick will begin this week!

Invite friends and bring your Bible.

Monday, Oct. 11th @ 6pm for Luke

Thursday, 14th @ 6pm for Getting Acquainted

Meeting at St. Mark's UCC for both classes

CONFIRMATION – 6-7:30pm at St. James, Wednesday, Oct. 13th

SUNDAY, OCT. 17th, HS YOUTH meet from 5:30-7:30pm at ST. Mark's

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE – Sunday, Oct. 24th.

