



Sunday, October 16, 2022
Mission Fest
St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Christy Torrison, Guest Speaker
Randy Sohn, Organist Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Call to Worship:

L: We have come to worship God, the living God,

P: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

L: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

P: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

L: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

P: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

Unison Prayer:

Spirit of the living God, we praise and adore you for empowering us to claim membership of the body of Christ, a gift received through the fullness of your grace. Empower us, we pray, with tongues of fire and hearts of love to proclaim the reconciling word among people. Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. May we be for you, the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing to this as the year of the Lord's favor for all people. We give thanks that all of us are Christ's body and rejoice in each one being a part of it. We pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

St. James Choir Anthem:

Somebody's Knockin'

Young at Heart:



Hymn of Praise: (#13 Binder)

Here I am, Lord

The Statement of Faith:

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 58:10-12

Message:

Christy Torrison

Hymn of Response: (#480)

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

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:

Trusting Jesus

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever ~ *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: (#467)

I Love To Tell the Story

Benediction:

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

Postlude:

Triumphant Finale

Isaiah 58:10-12 CEB Translation

*if you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
your light will shine in the darkness,
and your gloom will be like the noon.*

*The Lord will guide you continually
and provide for you, even in parched places.*

He will rescue your bones.

*You will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water that won't run dry.*

*They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account;
the foundations of generations past you will restore.*

*You will be called Mender of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Livable Streets.*