



Sunday, October 2, 2022
World Communion & Neighbors In Need Offering Sunday
St. Mark's/St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist Abbey Sheldon/Deb LaDuke, Readers

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: *At the Lord's Table*
St. James: *Lift Thine Eyes*

Call to Worship: *(we ready our hearts to receive Holy Communion)*

L: May God be gracious to us. May he bless us and make his face shine on us,

P: **So that your ways may be known on earth and your salvation among all nations.**

L: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

P: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

L: May the peoples praise you, God,

P: **May all the peoples praise you.**

Unison Prayer:

May all who seek to know you, rejoice and be glad in you. Let all who long for your saving help call out for all to hear, "The LORD is great!" For we will praise you, Lord Almighty, among all peoples. And we will sing of your mighty deeds so people near and far hear of your splendor. Great is your love and faithfulness ~ let your glory be known to all! Amen.

St. Mark's: (#136 *Worship and Rejoice*)

Holy, Holy, Holy (vs 1)

St. James: (#1 *The Hymnal*)

Holy, Holy, Holy (vs 1)

Young at Heart



Hymn of Praise:

St. Mark's: (#649 *Worship & Rejoice*)

Gather Us In

St. James: (#47 *Binder*)

Gather Us In

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

Message:

Unity

Dr. Patrick Schultz

St. James Choir Anthem:

Living Bread

Director: Cindy Sohn

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Communion Liturgy

Holy Trinity, Community of Love,

draw your children together
across boundaries which humanity imposes
across denominations which have more in common than not

Draw us together in your creative light.

**Quick to celebrate, serve, and share,
quick to live your love,
quick to know your grace and mercy.**

Make us joyful in the ways you gift each of us,
open us to unexpected invitations
from unexpected places
in unexpected times

Eager to share what we have found in you.

**Quick to celebrate, serve, and share,
quick to live your love,
quick to know your grace and mercy.**

Holy Trinity, Community of Love,
draw your children together
to honor each other
to uplift our community

To live your steadfast love.

**Quick to celebrate, serve, and share,
quick to live your love,
quick to know your grace and mercy.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
to break down barriers and boundaries
to draw us closer to one another
to share the Good News of Christ's salvation
He took bread and gave thanks to you God our Creator.

He broke the bread and gave it to the disciples saying,
Take and eat; this is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the cup and again gave thanks to you.

He shared it with the disciples saying,

Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all in forgiveness of your sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ Jesus that in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at your table for evermore.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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:

St. Mark's: *Fairest of All*

St. James: *Beside the Still Waters*

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept our humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Sending: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

St. Mark's: (*#712 Worship & Rejoice*)

St. James: (*pages 6 & 7 of the bulletin*)

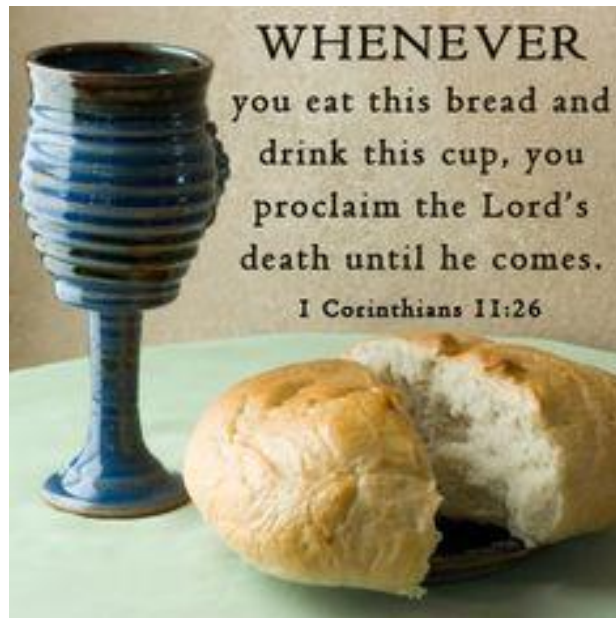
Benediction:

Grain which was once scattered over the fields was brought together to feed us today. Grapes pulled from the vine squeezed to give us drink today. Now our time of worship and feasting draws to a close. Now we are scattered like that grain, off to give the food of life to a hungry world. Now we who have shared the Banquet of Hope, go out as people connected to the vine, go out to bring the juice of life where the world has been drained dry.... *Amen.*

Postlude:

St. Mark's: *Grand March*

St. James: *Victory Through Christ*



712 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Unison
N.C. F C E F Dm Gm Bb C C E

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

F E A Bb F C C7 F N.C.

peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

F C E F Dm Gm Bb Gm Gm Bb C C E

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the
faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F E A Bb F C C7 F

fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall
 your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us: u -

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's
 nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
 may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.