



**October 31, 2021**

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Organists: Randy Sohn, Kathy Jurk

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. James: *Forward Through the Ages*  
St. Mark's: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: (responsively)**

**Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. *Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise:**

*For the Beauty of the Earth (Vs. 1,2,5,6)*

**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.*

**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*

**Young At Heart:**



**Prayer of Confession:**

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can change our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, dress like we dress, speak like we speak. We haven't always lived out your call to share in abundant love and unconditional love. You have the power to change us. So, we ask you to do just that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. *Amen.*

**Hymn of Assurance:**

*Count Your Blessings*

**Scripture Reading:**

**Isaiah 9:2; Psalm 121:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:17**

**Message:**

*Discovering Joy Through: Simplicity and Generosity*  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**Hymn of Joy**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Pastoral Prayer and 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:**

St. James: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
St. Mark's: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)**

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our gifts and offerings and tithes; our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers; our hope, our risking, and our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

**Hymn of Sending:**

*Blessed Assurance*

**Benediction:**

... To love and serve the Lord. *Amen.*

**Postlude**

St. James: *All Praise to Thee*

St. Mark's: *How Firm a Foundation*

**Isaiah 9:2 ESV**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.*

**Psalm 121:1-2 ESV**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

**1 Timothy 6:17 ESV**

*As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.*



Brian & Sheila Hemb,  
St. James UCC

# Welcome to our New Members !



Charlie & Joanie Mohr,  
St. Mark's UCC



## This week's celebrations:

### *Birthdays:*

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| October  | 14 <sup>th</sup> – Brian Hemb                                    |
| November | 1 <sup>st</sup> – Tyler Athorp, Kim Grotegut, Jamie Henschel     |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ben Summers                                    |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Brynn Bergeman, Nathan Roelse, Rick Wippermann |
|          | 4 <sup>th</sup> – Michelle Scharl                                |
|          | 5 <sup>th</sup> – Hank Reimer                                    |
|          | 6 <sup>th</sup> – Amanda Henschel                                |

### *Anniversaries:*

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| November | 4 <sup>th</sup> – Warren & Sheila LaDuke  |
|          | 6 <sup>th</sup> – James & Bonnie Schuette |

## **WELCOME!**

*To the parents of young children:*

- Relax!** *God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*
- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
  - ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
  - ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
  - ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*

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Send an email to be added to our prayer chain.

Messages are uploaded to YouTube: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

LOOKING AHEAD... NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> ...

St. Mark's Worship Service begins at 9:00am,  
Sunday School: 9:00-10:00

St. James Worship Service begins at 10:30am,  
Sunday School: 9:15-10:15

Joint Meeting of the Congregations at St. James  
after the Worship Service  
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**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** - Meet St. Marks TONIGHT – 5:30-7 for a meal,  
games, and discussion. We'll talk about Operation Christmas Child and the  
possibility of a mission trip this summer!

**ST. JAMES CONSISTORY** - Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm

**ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** - Tues., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm

**CONFIRMATION**- Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-7:30, St. James

**ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE** - Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm

**ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY** - Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

**ST. MARK'S MISSION FEST - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**

A display and collection bins are located in each church to collect supplies for  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Details about this project the HS Youth Group  
is undertaking are in the November church newsletter. All donations for Operation  
Christmas Child are due Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Go to: [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for information and videos showing what  
receiving a shoebox might mean for a child in another country. If you have any  
questions, you can contact Brenda Schultz at [schultzbrenda@gmail.com](mailto:schultzbrenda@gmail.com)

## 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:**

**Malachi 3:6-12 [emphasis on v. 10]**

There is a branch of Christians called Shakers. They are known, among other things, for  
their simplicity. You may be more familiar with their furniture style than the religious  
group. Shaker furniture lacks the flourish of other styles of furniture that was made at the  
time. But it was beautiful and excellently crafted.

Perhaps the best-known Shaker song is “*Simple Gifts*,” written by Elder Joseph Brackett in  
1848. This song, which was sung as the people danced and worshipped, captures the  
invitation to simplicity:

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,  
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain’d,  
To bow and to bend we shan’t be asham’d,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come out right.

**Prayer:** Lord, you have told us to bring the full tithe into the storehouse. And that no matter  
how much we give, we cannot outgive you. Be at work in my heart, to give fully according  
to your will and plan. *Amen.*

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*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*