



**November 14, 2021**  
**St. Mark's United Church of Christ**  
**Mission Fest**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
 Organist: Ann Rodewald

Reader: Scott Siekman  
 Choir Director: Kathy Jurk

Meditative Music  
 Bells Ring  
 Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*So Send I You*

**Call to Worship: (responsively)**

L: In the name of the Father

**P: whose glory is declared by the heavens,**

L: and of the Son

**P: who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,**

L: and of the Holy Spirit

**P: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer (all together):**

O God, you are our hope! Awaken us from our sleep. Rescue us from the clutches of gloom. Reassure us in our fear and help us to become children of the light. Clothe us with an amor of faith and love; and give to us a heart filled with the hope of salvation. Let the Word of your Good News and the actions of the faithful be brought to all in need of light in their lives. *Amen.*

**Affirmation of our Faith: The 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.

Hymn of Praise: (#8 Hymnal)

*Praise Ye The Lord*

Young At Heart:



**Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious Lord, we come before you confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ. We fully confess that at times we have failed to recognize just how richly we've been blessed. At times, we have failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others. At times we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of *your* love.

**Words of Assurance: (all together)**

After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake has forgiven our sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

**Hymn of Assurance:** (#316 hymnal)

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**Scripture Reading:**

**James 2:14, 17; John 13:34-35**

**St. Mark's Choir:**

*For Those Who Went Forth*

**Message:**

*Call to Action*

Kendra Kelling

**Hymn of Faith:** (Insert-from p.541 New Century Hymnal)

*They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"*

**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.*

**Offering**

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church.

**Offertory Music:**

*Grace Schultz*

*~ The offering is brought to the altar ~*

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

We are your servants and in you we live. We thank you for your generosity in our lives. We cry out and you respond in graciousness, compassion and righteousness. Receive our tithes and offerings, multiply them to the glory of your Kingdom and Word. *Amen.*

**Hymn of Sending:** (Insert-from p.76 New Century Hymnal))

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**Benediction:**

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

**Postlude:**

*O Zion, Haste, The Mission High Fulfilling*

**James 2:14, 17 ESV**

*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

**John 13:34-35 ESV**

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*



St Mark's MISSION FEST speaker this year is Kendra Kelling, Volunteer and Community Engagement Manager for Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, based in Sheboygan.

*"Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.*

*At Habitat for Humanity, we choose to provide shelter as our means of demonstrating the love of Jesus to those who lack a decent place to live. Unapologetically Christian and radically inclusive, we value all people and welcome everyone to our work. Following the model of perfect love shown to us in Jesus, we seek to live out our faith in a way that is liberating, not limiting."*

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



**This week's celebrations:**

**Birthdays:**

- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Sierra Bramstedt  
Angel DeBlaey  
Pat Flook
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Ashley Grotegut
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Caroline Heckmann

**Anniversary:**

- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Eric & Natalie Lodes

**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."

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

**LOOKING AHEAD... NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> ...  
MEMORIAL SUNDAY**

**St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship  
9:00-10:00am Sunday School**

**St. James: 10:30am Worship  
9:00am Christmas Program Practice  
Sunday School follows until 11:30am**

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**STUDY OF LUKE GROUP – Mon., Nov. 15th, 6:00pm, St. Mark's**

**ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Tues., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TUES., NOV. 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**CONFIRMATION- Wednesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30, St. James**

**ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**GETTING ACQUAINTED...STUDY GROUP – Thurs., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE with communion, Wednesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at St. James**

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

## NOTES:

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: Matthew 23:11-12; Micah 6:8; 1 John 3:18**

The first Habitat for Humanity project I worked on was as a student pastor in Kentucky (circa 2004). I served a small rural church in Scottsville and had a wonderful older man in my congregation. His name was Tommy, and he was often called “Professor” because he led the Sunday morning study following worship services. He had done so for many years and was very biblically knowledgeable.

The Habitat for Humanity home being built was for Tommy and his wife Shirley. Shirley had several disabilities that prevented her from being able to get around without assistance. Their new home had a ramp allowing for Shirley to come in and out with her wheelchair. The doorways in the house were built extra wide to accommodate her as well as medical equipment.

The most memorable moment was the day that Tommy and Shirley moved in. They had asked me to bless their new home. Their family, many of the church members, and some of the Habitat workers had gathered for the occasion. I blessed the home, Tommy and Shirley, the church, and all the workers who had a part in making this happen.

It was a most beautiful day, for a most beautiful couple, in a job well-done by many hands. God is Good!

**Prayer:** Lord, you have called us by name to love and to serve you. You have gifted each of us beyond our ability to give adequate thanks. Thank you for your generosity, for the men and women who make dreams come true – dreams of a new home to live in. *Amen.*