

December 27, 2020
The Sunday After Christmas
St. James United Church of Christ
St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz
Pastor

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Organist

Prelude Music
Gathering in Readiness for Worship
Ringing of the Bells

Joy to the World

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence
So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today
So we might discover your kingdom
as revealed in our sisters and brothers
So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings
So we might declare your glory as we gather together.

Opening Prayer

Loving and Gracious God ~ Holy one of Israel ~ tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak.

Indeed, O God, fill all our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Praising God in Music

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Immortal Love, Forever Full*

Scripture Reading

Luke 11: 1-4

Message:

Thy Kingdom Come

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

A Time of Prayer and Silent Reflection

The Lord's Prayer

Praising God in Music:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Offering

Offering, Tithes and Gifts can be made on-line through our website (**St. James Only**), or by mailing your offering to: St. James UCC, 13312 Pioneer Road, Newton, WI 53063 OR St. Mark's UCC, W1307 Orchard Road, Cleveland, WI 53015

Offertory Music

Take My Life and Let it Be

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (all together)

Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit. Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory nor memorials and shrines to ourselves, but rather testaments to your daily and intimate love. Amen.

Affirming our Faith:

Apostle's Creed

A Sending Forth Song

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Benediction

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you. You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

You are not too young or too old. You are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to lend a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the gifts you have been given.

Remember to pack peace in your toolbox, hope in your briefcase, love in your lunch box, and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your clothing of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone. The God in whose image you are made will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day. Amen.

Postlude

This Week We Celebrate:

Birthdays: Dec. 28th - Tim Russart
31st - Galen LaDuke

Anniversaries: Dec. 28th - Mike & Amy Summers
31st - Jeremy & Karie Ladwig



Luke 11: 1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

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.*