

December 6, 2020  
St. James United Church of Christ  
St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz  
Pastor

Kathy Jurk  
Organist

Prelude Music  
Gathering in Readiness for Worship  
Ringing of the Bells

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

L: O come, O come, Emmanuel-  
P: **God with us.**

L: Come into our brokenness;  
P: **Come into our joy.**

L: Come into our captivity;  
P: **Come into our freedom.**

L: Come into our fear;  
P: **Come into our compassion.**

L: Our souls have had their fill.  
P: **Have mercy on us, O God. O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

**Opening Prayer (all together)**

We gather around; and we welcome the guests; today we will hear Good News. In a time and a world where so much is filled with fraught and angry voices; the God of encouragement will speak to you today. The Son of God; Jesus the Christ; Emmanuel - God with us, will speak to you today. Come, sit and rest O wearied traveler. Let your tiredness fall away. Lift up your hearts and listen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**Praising God in Music**

*Didst Leave Thy Throne*

**Scripture Reading**

**Job 3:25**

*"What I feared has come upon me;  
what I dreaded has happened to me."*

**Message:**

Eric Nelson

**A Time of Prayer and Silent Reflection**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad." *Amen.*

**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**

*Because I Have Been Given Much*

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

God of all good gifts, who gives freely to us, have mercy on us and grant us the peace that only the Prince of Peace can provide.

Grant that our lives would be an offering, and that our work would be a good gift, just as the gifts that the magi brought, pleasing to you and fit for the king of all creation.

We look to you, our Prophet, Priest and King, to rule the world with justice, and to give salvation to all who call upon you. *Amen.*

**A Sending Forth Song**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**Benediction (Isaiah 2:1-5)**

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Creator, through Jesus our Savior, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit our Helper and Guide be with you this day and evermore. Go to love and serve the Lord and share the Good News at every opportunity. *Amen.*

**Postlude**

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**This Week We Celebrate:**

**Birthdays:** Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- Benjamin Grunwald;  
10<sup>th</sup> - Brianne Vandoske, Scott Wayne Weinfenbach  
11<sup>th</sup> - Jacob Grunwald

Adopt-a-Family gifts due next Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.