

March 14, 2021  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
St. James United Church of Christ  
St. Mark's United Church of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz  
Pastor

Ann Rodewald  
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Meditative Music  
Bells Ring  
Prelude Gathering for Worship

*I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary*

**Call to Worship:**

L: Let us turn to God who heals and binds us up, that we may recall God's constant presence in our lives.

**P: We call to mind the deeds of God and remember the wonders God works in our lives.**

L: God has created us, made us in his image, man and woman alike.

**P: We are created with passion, mercy, love and grace.**

L: God pursues us wherever we may go and searches for us when we are lost.

**P: We rejoice in God's steadfast love and are drawn into the company of friends and family.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Almighty God, we bow before your awesome might and revel in your tender mercies. We live in your presence and today declare ourselves subject to your rule. Help us to follow your way. Encounter us in this hour, that we do not mistake our will for your will. We give ourselves in praise and worship, through the almighty Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Young at Heart**



**Song of Prayer:**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Prayer of Confession:**

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we doubt our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. *Amen.*

**Words of Assurance:**

**We want for nothing if we listen to our God, his gentle whisper breaking through the storms of life.**

**We want for nothing if we rely upon our God, his grace enough to bring healing into broken lives.**

**We want for nothing in the worship of our God, his Holy Spirit the comforter will satisfy our souls. *Amen.***

**Song of Assurance**

*Blessed Assurance*

**Scripture Reading:**

Romans 12:1-2

**Message:**

**[Beginnings] *Can I Start Again?***

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**Praising God in Music:**

*Almighty Father, Who Dost Give*

**A Time of Silent Reflection and Prayer:**

Pastoral Prayer ... 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.*

### 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:

*In His Presence*

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

Generous and gracious God, you have given us food in due season and have called us to share our bread with the hungry. In the name of Jesus Christ, who brought the truth of God to us, we commit ourselves to sharing and giving in your name. May the Holy Spirit, whose breath restores our life, send us forth as caregivers in ministry and care. To your glory O God, we pray. *Amen.*

### A Sending Forth Song:

*Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit*

### Benediction

Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit. And may God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always. *Amen.*

### Postlude

*O Mighty Cross*

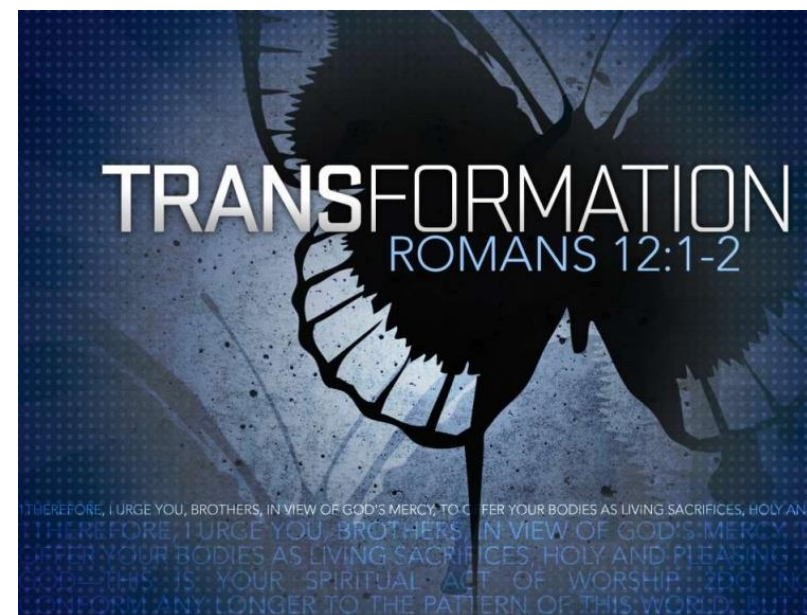
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**LENTEN WORSHIP- Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at St. James UCC**

### This Week's Celebrations:

**Birthdays:** March 14<sup>th</sup> – Kayla Sommer, Patty Taylor  
16<sup>th</sup> - Scott Zolltheis  
17<sup>th</sup> – Adelia Scharl, Delmar Sommer  
18<sup>th</sup> – Tammy Dexter, Margene Karstaedt, Dave Mueller  
19<sup>th</sup> – Jody Binversie, Steven Heckmann, Kristin Zolltheis

### No Anniversaries this week



### Romans 12:1-2

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*