

April 18, 2021  
St. Mark's United Church of Christ  
St. James United Church of Christ  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship

St. Mark's: *Look Down On Us*

St. James: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

**Call to Worship:**

L: We are called to be God's children.

**P: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

L: Fear and doubt are gone!

**P: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!**

L: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**P: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen**

**Opening Prayer (all together):**

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Young at Heart



Hymn of Jubilation:

*Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise*

**Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still do not understand. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. *Amen.*

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

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Song of Assurance:**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

**Scripture Reading:**

Acts 3:1-16

**Message:**

*Jesus' Name is Authority*

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**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. Mark's: *Lilies*

St. James: *Peace In My Soul*

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

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for me that are for my good and your glory.

You said, "Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again." We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, *Amen.*

**A Sending Forth Song:**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**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*

**Coming Attactions:**

- Wed., April 21<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Sun., April 25<sup>th</sup> – St. James - 9am Worship; 10-11am Sunday School  
 St. Mark's -10:30 Worship; 9-10am Sunday School
- Sat., April 24<sup>th</sup> – Adopt-A-Highway Day at St. James, meet at 9am. Sign up in the back of church. Contact Michelle Mauk, 920-980-3484, for more information.
- Mon., April 26<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Articles due
- Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9am-St. Mark's Sunday School Car Wash during the church service. Raindate = May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Wed., May 12<sup>th</sup> – St. James Brat Fry, 4-7pm. Carry Outs only.



**This Week We Celebrate:**

- Birthdays:     April 18<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Kaestner  
                   19<sup>th</sup> – Julianne Luebke, Terri Schmitz  
                   22<sup>nd</sup> – Ann Grunwald  
                   23<sup>rd</sup> – Karen Mansker, Mark Stolzmann  
                   24<sup>th</sup> – Kenneth Dirks, Erick Heling, Sarah Lutze, Elliot Quast

- Anniveraries: April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dick & Karen Binversie; Allen & Sandra Kracht-Jones  
                   23<sup>rd</sup> – Bruce & Karen Mansker



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Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

