

St. James United Church of Christ St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Organist: Ann Rodewald Reader: Scott Siekman (St. Mark's)

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship
Foundation

The Church's One

L: We humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord.

P: Remove from us the pride and prejudice we carry daily.

L: The Lord shall lift you up.

P: Even as we lift our voices to our God to God's glory.

L: If we have found favor in your sight, Lord show us your ways that we might know you better.

P: Fill us with your Holy Spirit this morning. Remove the barriers that block our way in knowing you.

L: The Lord, our God, is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

P: We bow our heads before your passing Lord, and we worship you always.

Opening Prayer (All together):

Send your Spirit, O Faithful God, and instill in us the mind of Christ. Give unto us the heart and hands of Christ. Place within us the feet of Jesus. Bind us together in joy and care as we come to worship you this morning in the sanctuary of this church, that when we leave we do so looking not only to our own well-being; but, to the well-being of others. *Amen.*

Gloria Patri Hymnal, page 493 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Hymn of Life: Open My Eyes That I May See Binder, page 25

Prayer of Confession:

Our prayer of confession this morning will be 90 seconds of silence in which we, who know ourselves as beloved, and endowed with courage through our loving God, confess to God the ways we have sinned against him, offended or hurt him.

When we pray, we practice a humanness as we surrender ourselves to a Greater Being of benevolence. Let's be honest about our lives and practice vulnerability and rest in confident trust of God in this moment of prayer.

Words of Assurance:

God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God's love. Go forth knowing You have been forgiven and You are restored to God. Live in the way of Christ. *Amen.*

Affirming our Faith Together: 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.*

Song of Assurance: Jesus Lives and So Shall I Hymnal, page 168

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:12-16; 34:6-8

(ESV)

Message: I Believe in God the Father Almighty Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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: Lord Speak to Me

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

Put these gifts, and our time and talents, to work in your greater vision of mission and ministry, Sovereign God. Grant to us the capacity to move beyond good intentions to give ourselves completely to the purposes of your realm. *Amen.*

A Sending Forth Song: Jesus Shall Reign Hymnal, page 371

Benediction

You leave this place, but God does not leave you. God remains with you, working in you, working through you. Bend your will until it rests safely and firmly in the divine hand; and offer your hands to the Lord's labor, until the world gives birth to a perfect peace.

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise



Exodus 33:12-16; 34:6-8 (ESV)

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: June 13th - Henry Lutze, Emma Perronne

14th - Sheri Kaestner, Amanda Wasmer

15th - David Krause, Finley Uttech

16th - Steven Gabsch, David Gumm, Austin Emre Nye

17th - Kathleen Hickman, Bruce Mansker

18th - Mike Marcheske, Brittany Stolzmann

19th - Mary Ellen Schnelle

Anniversaries:

June 13thth- Jamie & Heather Henschel 15th - Lee & Nancy Sixel

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

Sun., June 20th St Mark's - 9am Worship St. James - 10:30am Worship

Wed., June 23rd - Newsletter Articles Due **Please let us know of any graduation & future plans to celebrate with you!

Website: www.stmstjucc.org email: stmstjoffice@gmail.com phone: 920.693.8361

Send an email to be added to our prayer chain. Messages are uploaded to YouTube: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Notes:

GPS

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:

Genesis 1 1 Chronicles 29:10-19 1 John 4:1-17

Humanity throughout the ages has always believed in some sort of deity: the Norse gods, Greek gods, Roman gods, pagan gods, golden calves, and/or giant apes of Skull Island.

People believe that there is a God, not because they can prove God's existence by scientific means, but because there is no other answer to their ultimate questions and deepest needs. Belief in God does not depend upon the arguments of human reason; rather, the human heart years for the protecting care of a higher power.

When Christians say, "I believe in God," their faith rests not on the findings of science or thoughts of philosophy, but on the testimony of Holy Scripture (the Bible), and upon the character and witness of Jesus Christ, the central figure in the Bible.

The Bible does not undertake to prove by argument that there is a God. It simply affirms the fact and attempts to acquaint people with the character and purpose of God. The Bible introduces us to a God with whom we can have a personal and intimate relationship.

The Bible insistently teaches God is infinite in power and wisdom, is in perfect control of the universe (all things seen and all things unseen). John writes in Revelation: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great... the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder peals crying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns." (19:5-6)

Prayer: Almighty, all-powerful, all-seeing, all-knowing God, help us to *believe* with heart, soul, mind and action. *Amen*.