



**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,

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!*

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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 yearns 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.*