



Sunday, June 26, 2022
St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor Ann Rodewald Organist

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

The Savior Calls

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him
with psalms

P: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all others.

L: In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

P: The sea is his, and he made it: and his hand formed the dry land.

L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**P: For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his
hand.**

Opening Prayer:

Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (#47 Pilgrim People - Insert)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own sake. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Words of Assurance (23rd psalm):

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters; and he restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me and in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn of Assurance: (#135 Hymnal)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Affirming Our Faith:

UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:25-28; 2 Corinthians 12:9
Message: *I Am Second: Anxiety & Depression* Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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: *Cares Chorus*
~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)
Great God in Heaven, you remind us that we are #2; to bring our focus to first loving you. You urge us to reflect that love toward our neighbor. Create anew in our hearts a burning desire to care for your children. Encourage us to follow the caring ways that Jesus taught. Multiply these tithes and offerings so acts of tolerance and hospitality are extended through our ministry to all of your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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.

Hymn of Sending: (#2 Binder) *Amazing Grace*

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.