

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Sunday, June 5, 2022, Pentecost
St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist Sandy Perronne/Deb LaDuke, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

St. James Choir: *Set My Spirit Free*

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: When the world divides us

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

L: When the world calls us orphaned

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

L: When the world needs healing

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make us whole.

Opening Prayer:

Lord, let the flame of your Spirit flow around us, hover over us, and dwell within us. We are nothing without the Spirit. We open ourselves and invite you into our hearts. May you lead and guide our lives now and always. We praise you. We worship you. We come before you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (#191 *The Hymnal*)

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

God of majesty and power, we tremble when we become aware of who you are. Who are we that you should visit us or expect something from us? We confess our preference for the predictable. We admit your resistance to your Spirit. We acknowledge our misuse of your gifts to us. We prefer our divisions to your unity. Forgive us, O God of power and might, that we might forgive. Draw us back into a right relationship with you, and with one another. *Amen.*

Words of Assurance:

God has reached out to us once again, offering salvation, making us whole, drawing us into community where life is integrated and filled with meaning. The Spirit comes to us, making holy the commonplace. We are forgiven. *Amen.*

Hymn of Assurance: (#476 Hymnal)

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Affirming Our Faith:

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.*

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 103; Matthew 8:7

Message:

When Faith Alone Is Not Enough

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St. James Choir:

Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

Sacrament of Holy Communion: (see insert)

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: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

St. James: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

God of wind and fire, breathe your Holy Spirit over us again this day. Help us to better hear one another and untangle the differences we have allowed to divide us. May your Spirit give us the power to be the church you had hoped we would be, one body, one people seeking to build your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this day, bring healing through your power; in Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Sending: (#373 Hymnal)

Christ For the World We Sing

Closing Prayer: (all together)

Lord God, no matter how busy our day or weekend gets, it is not whole without coming together in fellowship, prayer and song, to lift you up and draw comfort from you. Let your Spirit forever energize us, guide us, correct us; and you Lord, may you bring healing to us. *Amen.*

Benediction:

Postlude:

St. Mark's: *Ceremonial March*

St. James: *See How Great a Flame Aspires*

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

WELCOME!

To the parents of young children:

Relax! *God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at 920-693-8361

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