



August 1, 2021
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Organist: Kathy Jurk

Readers: Lori Roelse, St. Marks's; Deb LaDuke, St. James

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Morning

Welcome Happy

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

P: Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

L: And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

P: We have been called and claimed by the God of all things,

L: And by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love,

P: Our sins have been forgiven.

Opening Prayer (All together)

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night,
even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning,
even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day,
quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship.

Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you,
through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song,
and through the hospitality of your gracious table.

Welcome us again, one Lord,
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**Doxology: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty early in the morning our song
shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!**

Hymn of Life: (#47 Binder)

Gather Us In

Affirming our Faith Together: The Apostles' Creed (all together)

**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: (Insert)

What Wonderful Love Is This

Scripture Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Message:

The Third Day He Rose

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Holy Communion and Lord's Prayer

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:

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

This Holy Feast

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

Holy One, you have given yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, and in Spirit. We now give back to you. May our gifts and tithes be given in good faith and be like that of the widow who gave out of her poverty and put in all she had.

Transform our offerings by the power of your Spirit:

Multiply it that it may be enough

To further your kingdom on earth:

To feed enough hungry mouths to make a difference:

To reach those who are in need of the Good News:

And to lift our spirits to bring light into someone's darkness. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance (Pastoral Prayer)

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel broken, God's love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things,

and by the abundance of God's grace,

and by the power of God's love,

your sins have been forgiven.

Know and share this with others. Amen.

A Sending Forth Song: (#467 Hymnal)

I Love to Tell the Story

Benediction:

You were called to this table. You were fed at this table. You were united at this table. Now, you are sent from this table into all the world. Go with courage. Set a place for all who hunger. Fill the cup of all who thirst. Go to love and serve our Lord. *Amen.*

Postlude

Festival

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Send an email to be added to our prayer team.

Messages are uploaded to YouTube: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

There will be no volleyball game this evening. The tournament is August 8th at St. James at noon.

St. James Consistory Meeting Tuesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: August 1 Linda Rozmarynowski, Larry Heling

2 Rhonda Krause

3 Jay Sommer, Sadie Koenig, Emmet Vogel, Alan Wipperman

5 Emma Russart, David Lorraine Vogel, Keith Sixel

Anniversaries: August 1 Chad and Alyssa Boutelle

2 Allen and Eunice Stolzmann

4 Charles and Ruth Ann Kolb

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:

Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

Isaiah 25:6-9

Ever since the Christian church came into being, there has been a solid insistence on the absolute necessity for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Briscoe, Stuart: The Apostles' Creed, p. 99)

From the very beginning of the early church, Jesus gave instructions to a small group of people. They should simply take the message of Jesus, starting in Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria and then to the rest of the world. Throughout the book of Acts you will note many and varied sermons giving testimony to this point – that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead on the third day.

This group of apostles weren't just interested in evangelizing, and letting people know of the good news of Jesus. They were interested in making disciples of these people, people who would learn about Christ and who would choose to follow him.

As Paul wrote in Colossians, "If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." Here we see that they're not only being taught that Christ was risen and that he was Lord, but that, they had been raised with him to lead a new life.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ takes our attention away from purely human concerns and re-focuses us on divine concerns. Christ's resurrection, his eternal seat at the Father's right hand takes attention from time, into eternity, and away from earth to heaven. So begins the dynamic of a new lifestyle.

Prayer: Lord, in your infinite wisdom you have given us a means to sit at your feet for all of eternity. Yours was not an easy way. Your pain and suffering were great. Your love was greater. Through your suffering, death and resurrection, we are yours. *Amen.*