



Sunday, August 21, 2022
St. Mark's/St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist Sandy Perronne, Reader at St. Mark's

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: *God's Glory Is All Around*

St. James: *There Is A Redeemer*

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

P: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: Blessed are those who mourn,

P: for they shall be comforted.

L: Blessed are the meek,

P: for they shall inherit the earth.

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

P: for they shall be satisfied.

L: Blessed are the merciful,

P: for they shall receive mercy.

L: Blessed are the pure in heart,

P: for they shall see God.

L: Blessed are the peacemakers,

P: for they shall be called children of God.

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

P: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Opening Prayer:

**Bless us O Lord, that together we may delight in good things,
share bread and wine together,
open our hearts in joy and sorrow
knowing that together we seek your kingdom as one body. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: (#47 Binder)

Gather Us In

Young at Heart:



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 5:3b

Hymn of Response: (*Bulletin Back*)

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Message: *For Theirs is the Kingdom of God*

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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: *His Tender, Loving Care*

St. James: *The Comforter Has Come*

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world. You fill our emptiness with your goodness. You come to our weakness with your strength.

Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment. *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: (#247 Hymnal)

Blest Are The Pure In Heart

Benediction:

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors. *Amen.*

Postlude

St. Mark's: *Festival Chorale*

St. James: *Triumphant Finale*

Matthew 5:3b

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Unison F B \flat B \flat /C Gm7/C F

1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing flame,
 2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3 As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re - newed,

F B \flat B \flat /C Gm7/C F

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y - hued.

Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am/C B \flat 2 B \flat

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

C7/G F Fmaj7 B \flat B \flat /C Gm7/C F

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.