



ABRAHAM

following God in faith



Sunday, August 28, 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:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: We are met in the presence of God

P: And we do not meet alone.

L: With the angels in the highest heaven

P: We gather to worship the Lord.

L: With Abraham and Sarah

P: We gather to worship the Lord.

L: With the saints of every age

P: We gather to worship the Lord.

L: We embark on our own journey of faith

P: God's Holy name be praised.

L: God makes of us a great people

P: God's Holy name be praised.

L: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

P: God's Holy name be praised.

L: We journey in the presence of God.

P: And we do not journey alone.

Opening Prayer:

Generous God, you gave us our voices, no two the same. As you did with Abraham and Sarah, you take and touch our lives and they can become extraordinary. And in your Church, you have gathered us, in your community of common folk and complainers, prophets and puzzled people, you have called us and made a place for us. Let what we say and do here, what we consider and decide here, be real for us and honest to you, as you prepare us for the life of the world in which you are praised. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: (#3 Hymnal)

Praise, My Soul

Young at Heart:



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:

Genesis 12:1-9

Message:

Our Guide, Our Compass, Our Lord

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Hymn of Response: (#205 Hymnal)

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

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:

Lord, Speak to Me

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

For all the ways you love us, **we say THANK YOU!**

For the ways you provide for us, **we say THANK YOU!**

For the opportunity to give, **we say THANK YOU!**

For the kingdom work this offering will do, **we say THANK YOU!**

For letting us be a part of your work, **we say THANK YOU!**

May the gifts, offerings and tithes we bring before you be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. 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.

Benediction:

May God, who gives us patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. And may he fill you completely with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that your lives overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Postlude:

He Is Their Salvation

Genesis 12:1-9 ESV

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.