



Sunday, September 25, 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: *(we call ourselves into God's presence)*

L: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

P: **God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**

L: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

P: **Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**

L: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

P: **the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.**

Unison Prayer: *(together)*

God of Love – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You loved us before we ever knew you. Give us such a deep love for you, that we can see the world as you see it; feel the compassion you feel; and be a people whose lives facilitate your love to others. Open our eyes that we might see what the Good Samaritan saw. Grant us the insight to see the need in others, the wisdom to know what to do, and the will to do it. *Amen.*

Young at Heart



Dedication of New Hymnals at St. Mark's

Hymn of Praise:

St. James (#184 Hymnal)

St. Mark's (#106 Worship & Rejoice)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always able, willing, and ready to be vessels of your work. Thank you for the times that you cultivate our receptive hearts and fruitful hands. In your abundant mercy, sow in us seeds of your love, your grace, and your truth. Encourage us with your Holy Spirit, so that we are more and more prepared to receive and live your word. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, your living word, who grants our forgiveness. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence...

Words of Assurance:

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. *Amen.*

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:

Joshua 1:5b - 9

Message:

Developing Courage

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn of Response:

St James (#10 Hymnal)

St Mark's (#71 Worship & Rejoice)

O Worship the King

Praise to the Lord

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:

In Retrospect

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of perfect love, we ask that you receive these gifts of tithes and offering as a sign of our knees bending before you, of our tongues confessing that you are God. Pour out your blessings upon these gifts that they might serve others in humble love that glorifies your holy name. *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: *(St. Mark's -#502 Worship & Rejoice)*

Be Thou My Vision

(Insert - back of bulletin for St. James)

Benediction: (Romans 15:5-6)

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... *Amen.*

Postlude:

Thine Is The Greatness

Be Thou My Vision

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E♭ E♭
G A♭ B♭ A♭ E♭
G C♭ B♭ E♭

1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

B♭ F7
C B♭ E♭ E♭ A♭ E♭ C♭ B♭
D G G C♭ B♭

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

A♭ A♭ A♭ E♭ Gm7 Cm7 Cm Gm7 A♭ B♭
C E♭ D D

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

E♭ B♭ Cm E♭ E♭ Fm A♭ Fm7 E♭
D B♭ G B♭ G A♭

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.