



Where will you walk?

Sunday, August 20, 2023

St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist

Lori Roelse, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

The Great Commission

Sing Aloud To God, Our Strength

Call to Worship:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom should I be afraid?

When those who are wicked, my oppressors and enemies, come to beat me down,

Though an entire army be against me, I shall not fear!

Though I find myself in war against evil and temptation,

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will always seek after -

That I might dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer:

O Lord, my God, I stand in awesome wonder at all you have made. I see the bright shining stars at night; I hear the thunder rolling across the lightning strewn storms. The monarch butterfly flashes its colors, as it flutters by. Your almighty power has made the great and the infinitesimal. Your might is seen, heard, felt and touched throughout the universe every passing moment. My soul sings to you, my savior God. How great you are!

Hymn: (#51 Worship & Rejoice)

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
gran-deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze.
bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my sin.
ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Affirmation of 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.*

[Please Be Seated]

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we come to you as one body, confessing that we don't always chose the right path. And like Adam and Eve before us we sometimes cover ourselves up and hide from you – too afraid to confess our sins; too afraid of your rebuke; too afraid of disappointing you. And too afraid of the ways in which we turned from you.

When the beauty of your creation should give us pause to wonder –
the trilling of the beautiful songbird in the fields,
the majesty of mountains grandeur,
the sunlight's reflection dancing along the waves of lakes and
the sounds of its water lapping against the shoreline,
the sweet love of another and the tenderness of a loving kiss.

You find us with our backs turned. We deny the gifts you have given us. We run from you rather than towards you. Your voice calls us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing. Open our hearts this day to receive the magnificence of these blessings. Help us understand the many ways in which you love us and forgive our transgressions against you.

Words of Assurance:

For even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. We are God's beloved children, and this is the day God has given to us. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Rejoice, children of God! For God's mercies are ever before us. Amen.

Young at Heart:



Hymn:

St. Mark's (#447)

St. James (#329)

*Because He Lives
I Love Thy Kingdom*

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 13:20 ESV

*Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

Message:

Childrens Guidance Required: Experience Rich – Relationship Poor

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:

*Pleading Savior
I've Got Peace Like a River*

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**People's Prayer ~ 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:

St. Mark's (#428)

It is Well With My Soul (When Peace Like a River)

St. James (#324)

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Benediction:

... May we go from this place rejoicing in the opportunities to serve our Lord and may we love our Lord in all that we do, all that we are, and all that we will be. Go in peace and may the peace of God be with you. *Amen.*

Postlude:

*All People On Earth Do Dwell
Triumphant Finale*



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*August 23rd - Gerty Free, Cindi Wippermann,
Sara Wippermann*

*26th - Abigail Peterson, Matthew John Roelse,
Alicia Schueler*

ANNIVERSARIES:

August 20th - Glenn & Terri Grunwald

21st - Mike & Janice Marcheske

22nd - Larry & Denise Heling

22nd - Brett & Abbey Sheldon

26th - Gerald & Jola Thiel

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

~ Sunday School is on summer break ~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, AUG. 25TH. Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

SIGN UP TODAY!


St. Marks U.C.C. & St. James U.C.C.
Invite you to

POLKA & POTLUCK

Come for an afternoon of good friends, good food and good ol' fashioned dancing.

Featuring Carl Laack

Please bring a dish to pass. You can sign up at your church or online using this QR code.

	DAY AUG. 26 TIME 2 PM	Spring Hope Barn 11424 Spring Lake Rd Kiel, WI 53042
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STUDY BEGINS:

Monday, September 18
10:00 AM & 5:00 PM (possibly 5:30 PM)
at St. Mark's UCC

There are no books or other material to purchase. You will need to bring your Bible. If planning on attending, either email or call the church office with your preferred time (stmstjoffice@gmail.com or 920.693.8361)

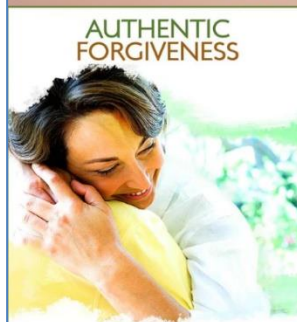
Feel free to invite a friend, another church member, a neighbor or co-worker... to join us. Good for ages 18 and up!

EXCITING NEWS!!

Next week Sunday, Aug. 27th, Dave & Ann Adams and Dianne Kaczmarek will be joining the family of St. Mark's during the 10:30am Worship Service. There will be a small celebration in their honor following the service.

Fall Study Group

Two four-week long back-to-back sessions.
Study begins: **Monday, September 18**
10:00 AM & 5:00 PM (possibly 5:30 PM)
at St. Mark's UCC



WELCOME!

To the parents of young children:

Relax! *God put the wiggle 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."*

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