



Easter, April 9, 2023
St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Ann Rodewald, Organist
Cindy Sohn/Kathy Jurk, Choir Director
Scott Siekman, St. Mark's Reader

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Christ Arose!

God is Good
All the Time
All the Time
God is Good!

Call To Worship: (Hippolytus (AD 190-236))

Christ is Risen:

The world below lies desolate.

Christ is Risen:

The spirits of evil are fallen.

Christ is Risen:

The angels of God are rejoicing.

Christ is Risen:

The tombs of the dead are empty.

Christ is Risen:

**Indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.**

Easter Hymn of Praise:

St. James #167; St. Mark's #288

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



St. James Sunday School:

St. Mark's Sunday School: *Goodness of God*

Artist: CeCe Winans

Prayers of the People:

Sing aloud, O mothers and sons!

Fathers and daughters, sisters and brothers,
rejoice and exult with all your hearts!

Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings with one voice,
calling out the good news —

The tomb stands empty!

We pray for all faithful people —

for every human soul that turns to God in longing and in love.

Today and every day, pull us out of our graves and into your life.

Jesus Christ is alive and among us today.

We pray for the nations of this world —

for those in authority, and for those under authority.

Come from the four winds, O Breath of Life,
and we shall live together in peace.

The tomb stands empty.

We pray for our garden home —
for the rain and the snow, the seed and the sprout —

for the birthing room and the last place of rest —
for every new creation.

Jesus Christ is alive and beside us today.

We pray for those who are sick or suffering,
lonely and frightened, troubled and bearing great burdens —
Living Lord, renew them in Your love.

The tomb stands empty.

We pray for those who have died, and gone before us,
for those we know we will see again,
and for those whom we worry we might not,
Eternal One, bring them home and gather them in.

Jesus Christ is alive and with us today.

With great joy, hosannah and exultation,
we give thanks for the triumph of life over death,
We are amazed at what has happened.

The tomb stands empty!

St. James Choral Anthem: *Sing an Easter Alleluia* Trumpet: Ally Wasmer
St. Mark's Choral Anthem: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading:

John 20:1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Message:

The King Has the Last Move

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz



Hymn of Response:

St. James: #168

St. Mark's: #302

*Jesus Lives and So Shall I
He Lives*

Sacrament of Communion:

Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God's love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God.

God is with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God!

You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child. You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life- a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love.

You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life. You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death.

You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life—

that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world.

He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Through his resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people. It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God that we gather this morning and remember together that

on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Longing to experience and share the fullness of Life that you offer, we take these gifts that you have given us, this bread and this cup, and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving,
accept our lives as holy offerings to you,
that in losing our life we might find true Life
and proclaim the Resurrected Christ who offers life to all.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way, that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place. We invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

As we prepare to eat the meal, let us share together the proclamation of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

St. James Choral Anthem:

Think of Me and Remember

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.

Together, at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks. *Amen.*

Offering:

For the offerings, gifts, and tithes given both before and after the service; for the offerings made on-line and through Tithe.ly; for the gifts of your time, talents, prayers, support and encouragement in furtherment of this church's ministry and mission - we thank you.

Offertory Music:

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Offertory Prayer: (Matthew 28:1-10)

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, he is risen!" May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Sending:

Crown Him With Many Crowns

St. James: #176

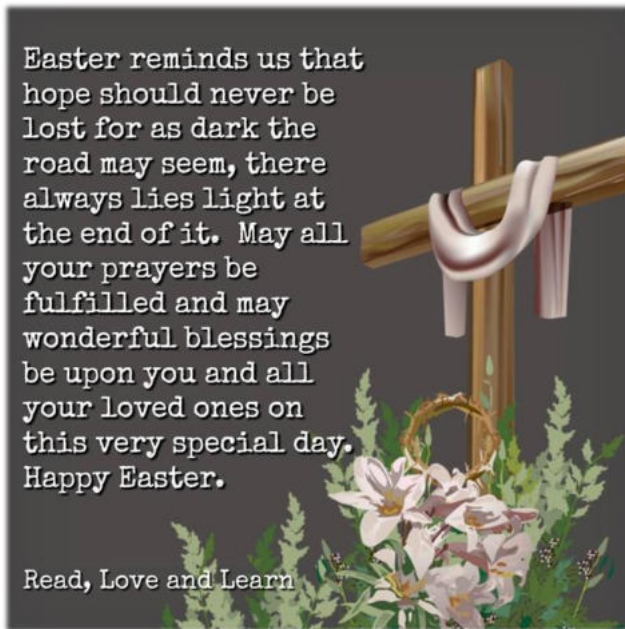
St. Mark's: #317

Benediction:

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith. Go now to love and serve the Lord our God, in all that you do, in all that you are, and in all that you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

This Is the Feast of Victory



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 9-10am at both churches*****

St. Mark's UCC

***1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.***

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: www.stmstjucc.org

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

Loving Gifts of Easter Lilies from Our St. James Families, 2023



Shared by Brian & Shelia Hemb in memory of Joan Hellmer



Shared by Charlie & Ruth Ann Kolb in memory of our daughter, Kerri Lee



Shared by The Krause Family in memory of Dolores Krause



Shared by The Lutzes for the joy of Easter



Shared by Dorothy Mueller in memory of my parents and my siblings



Shared by Tom, Nancy, Andrew & Austin in loving memory of Addison Emilie Nye



Shared by Tom, Nancy, Andrew & Austin in loving memory of Melvin & Violet Seifert



*Shared by Tammy Serketich in memory of Wayne Vogel and
for the joy of our grandchildren Ella, Ezra, Cole*



Shared by Carlene Sohn & Family in memory of Myron Sohn



*Shared by Carlene Sohn & Family in memory of Carl & Elmyra Olhrogge
and Elmer & Leona Sohn*



*Shared by Randy & Cindy, Katie & Daniel, Dan & Rachel in memory of
Kenneth & Virginia Kuether (parents & Grandparents)*



*Shared by Randy & Cindy, Katie & Daniel, Dan & Rachel in memory of
Dad & Grandpa Myron Sohn*



Shared by the Stolzmann Family in memory of Clarence & Verona Stolzmann



Shared by Ellen Mae Surfus in memory of Bill Surfus and Arthur & Hertha Lorfeld



*Shared by Mary Ann Vogel in memory of my husband Wayne Vogel
and parents Walter & Orvilla Stoeckigt*



Shared by Tanya and David for the joy of our grandchildren, Andrew and Aubriana



Shared by Tanya, David, Abby and family, Ally and Amanda in memory of Myron Sohn

Loving Gifts of Easter Lilies from Our St. Mark's Church Families, 2023



Shared by David and Ann Adams in memory of Ken & Joann Wolff



Shared by David and Ann Adams in memory of Leonard & Ruth Adams



Shared by Alice Broehm & Judy Steinbeck for the joy of Easter



Shared by Dave & Cindy Call in memory of our parents



Shared by Pat & Noreen Flook for the joy of Easter's blessings



Shared by Gerty Free for the joy of Easter



Shared by Kathy and Mark Jurk in memory of our parents



Shard by Marlene Kammann in memory of Melvin



Shared by Kevin & Betty Kellner in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bosman



*Shared by Bruce & Karen Mansker in thankfulness and celebration of God's
guidance and work in our lives*



Shared by Mike and Janice Marcheske in memory of our parents



Shared by Margene Reyer in memory of my parents and for the joy of Easter



*Shared by Jim and Bonnie Schuette in memory of Henry & LaVerta Boeldt
and Ellsworth & Peggy Schuette*



Shared by Delmar Sommer and Dawn & Loren Reinemann in memory of Janet Sommer



*Shared by Keith and Lynn Strysick in honor of our families and in memory of our
fathers George Kuznacic, Leslie Strysick, and Victor Gibson*



Shared by Carol Weiland for the joy of Easter and the love of family and friends.



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

April 11th: Bonnie Langenhahn

12th- Johnathan Grunwald, Gene Kaestner, Michael Stolzmann

13th – LaVern Wippermann

14th – Alivia Maxey

15th – Lee Schmitz

ANNIVERSARIES:

April 9th – David & Christine Gumm

14th – Dean & Emily Sprenger

Remember to fill out your 'Welcome Card' and indicate you took communion today.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – Wednesday, April 12th, 6-7:30 pm at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES BRAT FRY PLANNING MEETING – Thursday, April 13th, 6:00pm

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING – Thursday, April 13th, 6:30pm

HS YOUTH GROUP – will meet at 5:30pm next Sun, April 16th at St. James

THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 STUDY GROUP – will begin on Monday, April 24th with two sessions to choose from, 10:00am or 5:00pm. Let Pastor know if you're interested in attending by contacting the church office: 920.693.8361 or stmstjoffice@gmail.com. Also let him know if you're going to purchase a Season 3 Study Guide on your own or if we should order one for you.



**You are cordially invited to attend the 61st Annual Meeting of
the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the
United Church of Christ**

Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Daycholah Center – UCCI
W1010 Spring Grove Road
Ripon, WI 54971

Contact Pastor Patrick 920.693.8361 or Karen stmstjoffice@gmail.com to register

We are excited to announce that the meeting of the Northeast Association will be held at Daycholah Center (formerly the Pilgrim Center) beginning with an informal gathering at 8:30. At 9:00 we will gather for worship and begin our formal time together.

We have two keynote speakers for the day. The first speaker will be Rev. Dr. Stephanie Perdew of the Cherokee Nation. The title of her address is: “Responsible Remembering”.

We also would like the laypeople of our NEA churches to know that Rev. Perdew is now the Director of the Damascus Project of the Wisconsin and Minnesota Conferences. Stephanie would like as many laypeople as possible to attend the Annual Meeting and visit with her.

Our afternoon keynote speaker will be Rebekah Edler of the Menominee Nation. She will represent the Menominee Nation and their “Sustainability Project”. Sustainability that lives with the land as well as off of the land.

Annual Meeting is the one time of year we gather to participate in the important business of the Northeast Association. We will nominate and elect new committee members and representatives to our NEA Boards and Divisions.

Budgets, elections and ratification of committee reports will be our major agenda items. You will receive a copy of the Annual Meeting Report booklet by email before the April 22nd meeting if you wish to print it.

EVERYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE MEETING, INCLUDING MINISTERS AND DELEGATES, SO BE SURE TO REGISTER. Before the meeting, we will email the meeting booklet to you, which includes materials for the Association business items to be voted on. It will also include a map of Daycholah and suggestions about parking. Carpooling would be recommended.

[Daycholah Center is offering any clergy respite for the weekend. To book this, please call Kaitlyn Boscaljon (920-745-4746) or email her (kboscaljon@ucci.org). The cost is \$60.00 for two nights' lodging; this cost does not include food. If there is a large group that would like this option, you can discuss a food offering at an additional cost with Kaitlyn.]

Peace,
Rev. Keith R. Weiland, Moderator
Northeast Wisconsin Association, United Church of Christ

Mission Trip Fundraising Events

TODAY: Bake sale/Coin Drive (Clean out loose coins)

June 3rd Brat Fry at Howards Grove Piggly Wiggly, from 10am-2pm

Also watch for our sales in Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards and Seroogy Candy Bars.

Thank you so much for your support!



BRAT FRY

St James UCC

13312 Pioneer Road, Newton
(Spring Valley)

Wednesday, May 10, 2023
4 - 7 pm

Brats
Hamburgers
Chicken
Tortes

Take Outs Only

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."