



**TRUST** like Ruth  
**PROTECT** like Rahab  
**LEAD** like Deborah  
**FIGHT** like Esther  
**PRAY** like Hannah  
**REJOICE** like Mary

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor,

Ann Rodewald, Organist      Kathy Jurk, Choir Director

Greeters: Colten Sommer, Sierra Bramstedt

Readers: Reid Vandoske, Sierra Bramstedt, Colten Sommer

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*What a Friend we have in Jesus*

**Call To Worship:**

L: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

**P: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!**

L: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

**P: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

**P: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us.**

**Prayer:**

**God, our kind and loving Father, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise: #26**

*Many and Great*

**Prayers of the People:**

*Reid Vandoske:*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work,

**for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world,

**for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation,

**for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Sierra Bramstedt:*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble,

**for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God,

**for all who proclaim the gospel, and for all who seek the truth.**

For the leaders in all the Christian Church;

For leaders in our United Church of Christ;

For the Pastors, Musicians, Teachers, Ministry and Mission leaders of the Wisconsin Conference,

**for all who serve God in the church.**

*Colten Sommer:*

For our own needs, and for others for whom you have called us to pray.

Hear us, Lord,

**for your mercy is great.**

We thank you for all the blessings of life.

We exalt you, O God, our King,

**and praise your name for ever and ever.**

We give thanks for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for the promise of your eternal kingdom. In Christ you have called us to eternal glory,

**to you be praise for ever and ever. Amen.**

**St. Mark's Choral Anthem:**

*In the Cross*

**Scripture Reading:**

Judges 4:1-7

**Message:**

*Lead Like Deborah*

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**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:**

*Were You There?*

*~ The offering is brought to the altar ~*

**Hymn of Prayer: #393**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts, and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.**

**Prayer of the People and the 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 and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Sending: #583**

*You Call Us, Lord*

## **Benediction:**

Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may God bless you with every gift needful for His work, may the Spirit grant you the willingness to risk yourself completely for the sake of the gospel, and may the love and the compassion and the hope and the faith of Jesus dwell richly within you till the time of his coming.

Both now and forevermore. *Amen.*

## **Postlude:**

*Walk to Calvary*

### Judges 4:1-7 ESV

*And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD after Ehud died. And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years.*

*Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, "Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand?'"*

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