



FEAR NOT, FOR I  
HAVE REDEEMED  
YOU; I HAVE  
SUMMONED YOU  
BY NAME;

**YOU ARE  
MINE**

When you pass through the  
waters, I will be with you;  
and when you pass through  
the rivers, they will not  
sweep over you. When you  
walk through the fire, you  
will not be burned; the  
flames will not set you  
ablaze.

Isaiah 43:1-2

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
*One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday*  
**St. James / St. Mark's United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Ann Rodewald, Organist  
Reader: Scott Siekman    Choir Director: Kathy Jurk

Meditative Music  
Bells Ring  
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

**Call To Worship:**  
The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.  
**God has shown himself to us.**  
The Son teaches us the way to eternal life.  
**God has shown himself to us.**  
Christ shows grace and mercy.  
**God has shown himself to us.**  
God's love is seen to the end of the world.  
**God has shown himself to us.**

**Hymn of Praise:**

St. James: (#31)

St Mark's: (#87)

*Father, Again in Jesus  
Come Christians, Join to Sing*

**Prayer:**

**Almighty God, as we consider your omnipotent power, we stand in awe. Called into your presence we can do nothing but join with all your people on earth and cry 'Glory' to your Name. You sit enthroned above all you have created, and you bless your people with peace. All praise to you this day and forever. Amen.**



**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.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

O God of all creation,

You came into the world that we might know love and new life. Pour your Spirit on your church, that it may fulfill Christ's command to live the gospel everywhere; that the proclamation of the good news might be heard throughout the earth. Reassure us that we are your beloved people. Defend us against all evil and temptation. Give us grace to bear faithful witness to you. Imbue us with love, keep us constant in prayer, empower us for the service of love.

*Brief period of silence*

**Words of Assurance:**

**Dear heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise that in your mercy you brought us to baptism, and there gave us Jesus' holiness in exchange for our sin and impurity. You called us and through your grace, mercy and love we are still responding. Thank you for our parents who brought us up in the faith, thank you for those other people whom you used to bring us the gospel, and thank you for our pastors and teachers in the faith. Amen.**

**St. James: (#207)**  
**St. Mark's Choral Anthem:**

*Jesus Calls Us  
His Yoke Is Easy*

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Message:**

Called and Redeemed

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**St. James: (#281)**  
**St. Mark's: (#430)**

*A Mighty Fortress  
Be Not Afraid*

**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:**

*~ The offering is brought to the altar ~*

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

God of new beginnings, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you've imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, Savior and Redeemer, we pray. *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:**

St. James: (#476)  
St. Mark's: (#719)

*Come, Thou Fount  
Go, My Children*

**Benediction:**

Heavenly Father, you have shown us redemption through your great love and sacrifice for us in the death and resurrection of your Son. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we grow in faith and broaden our reach to those who are unchurched. Accept our praise and worship this morning as go forth to love and serve you in all that we do, in all that we are, and all we will be.

**Postlude:**

Isaiah 43:1-7

*But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."*

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