

**Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023**  
**St. James United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Randy Sohn, Organist  
Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Meditative Music  
Bells Ring  
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*In the Hour of Trial*

## Call To Worship:

O Prince of Peace, O Friend of Sinners,  
we praise you and give you thanks,  
because you laid aside your power as a garment  
and took upon yourself the form of a slave.  
You became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
You allowed yourself to be born to die in our place,  
You allowed your own feet to be anointed for death.  
You allowed a sinner to wash your feet with her tears.

**For God chose what is low and despised in the world  
to bring to nothing many blessings.**

**Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,  
with the woman who anointed you for death,  
with the woman who worshiped you with her tears,  
and with all our fellow sinners  
who have loved and served you from that time till now,  
we praise you, Lord Jesus.**

Eternal Father, blessed is your son Jesus Christ,  
who on that night before Passover,  
rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments  
took a towel and poured water,  
and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them:  
"If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,  
you also ought to wash one another's feet.  
If you know these things,  
blessed are you if you do them."

**Come now, mighty Spirit of God,  
wash us and make us one body in Christ,  
that, as we are bound together in this act of love,  
we may no longer be in bondage  
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,  
but may know your liberating peace  
such as the world cannot give. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: [see next page]

*What Wondrous Love Is This (Vs 1-2)*

First Scripture Reading:

John 17:1-5 ESV

*When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

Dm Am C Em Dm C Dm C F

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

C E G D Am C G B Am G B C Dm C E F C G F C E

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

Dm C E Am G C Dm Am Em Dm F C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 down be - neath God's right - eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Dm C F C E G D Am G B Am G B C Dm

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

**Hymn of Praise:**

*What Wondrous Love Is This (Vs 3)*

**Second Scripture Reading:**

John 17: 6-15 ESV

*"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*

**Hymn of Praise:**

*What Wondrous Love Is This (Vs 1,4)*

**Third Scripture Reading:**

John 17:16-26 ESV

*They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.*

*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."*

**St. James Choral Anthem:**

*Jesus Died Alone*

**Message:**

*Yours They Were and You Gave Them To Me*  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**Hymn: #1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

**Sacrament of Communion:**

The same people who ate the loaves and fishes followed Jesus the next day all the way to the other side of the lake. Did they follow him hoping for more signs that he was God? No. Jesus said to them, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."

Friends, we gather at this table not to fill our stomachs but to be fed by spiritual food. Jesus told the people, "The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!" Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Believing in him, we come to this table to share a holy meal.

**Communion Prayer:**

Let us pray. Lord, we come to you looking to be fed. We remember the stories of miraculous feeding, of manna in the wilderness, and the abundance of loaves and fishes, and the miracle of the wine at the wedding in Cana. We ask your blessing on these ordinary elements, the bread and the juice. We believe you feed us in ways that go far beyond our literal understanding. Through the awesome wonders of creation to the joy of human love and the power found in a group of people working on your behalf, you have blessed us. You became present to us in Jesus and blessed us further with your grace and mercy. You remain present to us in the working of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for all the ways you show your love for us as we pray together using the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**Words of Institution:**

Jesus said to them, "I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. This is the bread that came down from

heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

This is the bread. This is the cup. These are the things of God for the people of God. Come to the table that has been made ready for you.

**Holy and gracious God, for the meal we have shared, for the nourishment of the spirit and for the life of this community, we give you thanks. Help us to see miraculous signs wherever we see you. Help us to work always for the food that endures, in Christ's name. 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:**

*Garden of Gethsemane*

*~ The offering is brought to the altar ~*

**Hymn of Offering: #258**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own (Vs 1)*

**O Great Spirit:**

**O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze: We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us to learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.**

(Native American Prayer)

**Hymn of Sending: #480**

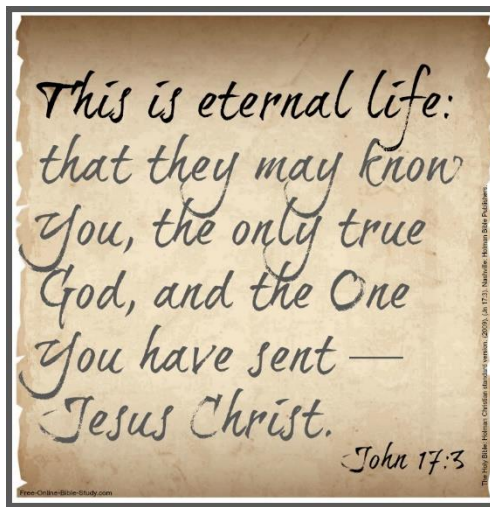
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**Benediction:**

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:**

*Sarabande*



## **COME & JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

### **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.



# HOLY WEEK

---

### ***Join Us:***

*Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday Worship with Communion, 7pm, at St. Mark's*  
*Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday Worship with Communion*

# Staying Close, Staying Connected

## ***Mission Trip Fundraising Events***

**Easter Sunday, April 9th - Bake sale/Coin Drive (Clean out loose coins)**

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


Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards and Seroogy Candy Bars are also available.

**Thank you so much for your support!**



If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at: 920-693-8361

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](http://www.stmstjucc.org)  
Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)