

# Sunday, November 5, 2023 St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor Rev. William Kesting, Guest Pastor Randy Sohn, Organist Cindy Sohn, Choir Director and Accompanist Mary Ann Vogel, 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presenter

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts." (Ps 145:4)

Meditative Music Bells Ring Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Hour of Worship

### Call to Worship:

("Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.")

L: God has set this day before us, P: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

L: God has set our lives before us.

P: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

L: God has set God's seal upon our hearts, P: So that we might live fully in deep love.

L: Come, Holy Spirit Come! P: Let us worship God.

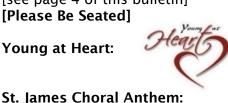
Prayer:

Lord God, you are our strength. Hold our hands in our weakness and teach our hearts to fly. With you, there is nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold us tightly in your embrace, so that we can be stronger than the challenges in our lives Amen

# Hymn:

[see page 4 of this bulletin] [Please Be Seated]

Young at Heart:



The Little White Church on the Hill

Let the Song of Praise Be Heard

## Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, let your Holy Spirit move within us so that when we look around, we see the wonders of your creation. Let no darkness cover our sight and no sadness overwhelm your beauty. Strengthen us that we might set aside any weakness, or attitudes of indifference or destruction. You gave us this world that we would live into it, cherish, and protect it, and receive from its bounty. No longer shall greed and selfishness drive us or be harbored within us. Our love for Christ will drive out any petty desires and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people.

## Words of Assurance:

We are not alone; we live in God's world. God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. We receive the forgiveness which God has offered so that we may live in God's love. Amen.

### Hymn:

[See page 5 of this bulletin]

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children. and their children to another generation.

Message:

160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

#### 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 online offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

#### **Offertory Music:**

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

### Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are and all that we will be. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen. [Rev 7:9-17]

#### **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: [See page 6 of the bulletin]

#### **Benediction:**

As you prepare to cross the threshold from this place and out into the world and as you encounter doorways and thresholds throughout your week, repeat this blessing: May gratitude abound as I meet God and neighbor in this place. Amen.

Postlude:

The Joyful Trumpet

Please join us after worship for refreshments and a time of fellowship to celebrate our church's 160th anniversary!

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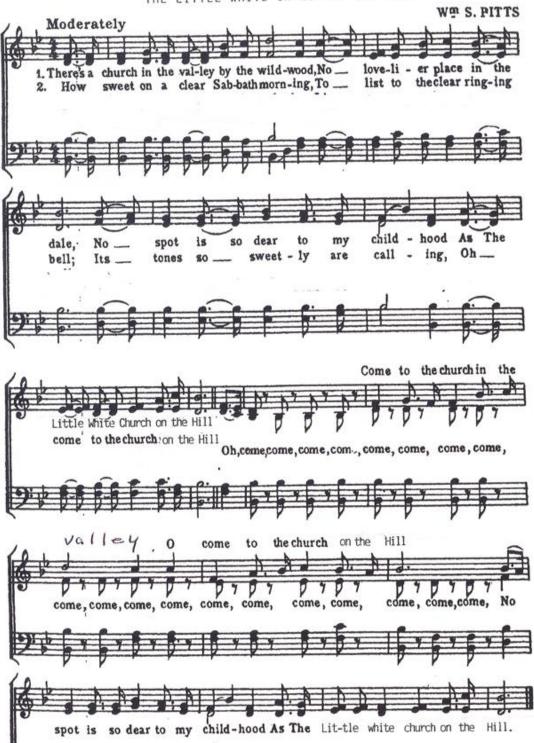
Where'er You Walk

### America the Beautiful

# Rev. William Kesting

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THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH ON THE HILL



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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

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# **Our Church Celebrations!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: November  $5^{TH}$  – Hank Reimer  $6^{th}$  – Amanda Henschel  $7^{th}$  – Brian Karstedt  $9^{th}$  – Allen Jones  $10^{th}$  – Richard Lutze  $11^{th}$  – Lori Roelse

**ANNIVERSARIES** :

November 6<sup>th</sup> – James & Bonnie Schuette 7<sup>th</sup> – Dave & Jackie Mueller



\***REMINDER – PASTORAL ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE TODAY!** There are paper copies of the survey in the back of the church.

FALL STUDY GROUP - Monday, November 6th, 10am/5pm at St. Mark's. Bring your Bible.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY - Monday, November 6th, 6:30pm

ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30pm.

ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE - Wednesday, November 8th, 7pm.

**NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS MISSION FEST AT ST. MARK'S DURING A JOINT 10:00 SERVICE.** There is no Worship Service at St. James (come to St. Mark's) and no Sunday School at either church. A ham/meatball dinner will follow the service.

MISSION TRIP MEETING - Thurs., Nov. 9th, 6:30pm at St. Mark's.

BUNCO - Thursday, Nov. 16th, 6pm at St. James. All ladies welcome!



# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Our joint SMJ Youth, as well as St. Mark's Sunday School, are collecting items for girls & boys ages 5-9. This month we're collecting toys.

Ideas: Ball Toy cars Yo-yo \*Etch A Sketch® \*Slinky® Interactive toy Kaleidoscope Building blocks Other small toys and figures Small board games Small doll Plastic dinosaurs, animals, and action figures \*smaller versions of these items

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Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.

Mission Fest

St. Mark's UCC N9286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland

Featuring... Lisa Key from Emmaus Homes in St Louis

Dinner to Follow

Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal

\$15 - Adults --- \$5- ages 5-10 Under 5 - Free

Ham --- Meat Balls --- Homemade Salads Parsley Butter Potatoes --- Rolls --- Corn Homemade Desserts

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# 2024 Mission Trip Elliott County, Kentucky

Our Trip will be: July 14-19, 2024

All are welcome! Mission Trip meeting will be held Thursday, November 9th, 2023

at 6:30pm at St. Mark's UCC

To reserve your spot, please bring a \$50 (non-refundable) deposit to the meeting. I have 35 spots held until Nov. 20th (first come, first serve). After that spots are no longer guaranteed, they are dependent then on Next Step Missionaries availability.

Any further questions, please contact Anna Marie Bramstedt @ 920.698.7656 or jaab93000@tds.net

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS! <u>St. James UCC</u>

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

~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~