



Sunday, October 1, 2023
St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ
World Communion and Neighbors In Need Special Offering Sunday

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Sandy Perronne, Reader Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship
St. Mark's:
St. James:

*Is This Not Bread?
We, Your People, Praise You*

Call to Worship:

L: Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

P: We come to feast together.

L: Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

P: Renew us and make us one.

Prayer:

O God we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#647)

St. James (#21)

[Please Be Seated]

*We Have Come to Join in Worship
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Young at Heart:



We Pray for the Church and the world:

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. [Silent prayer]

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the good of all. [Silent prayer]

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. [Silent prayer]

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are connected with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. [Silent prayer]

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. [Silent prayer]

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

[Silent prayer]

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. Amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#695)

St. James Choir:

*As We Gather At Your Table
As We Break the Bread*

Scripture Reading:

Luke 22:14-20 ESV

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Message:

Eagerly Desiring

Liturgy (words of and for) Holy Communion:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the faces of the earth.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.**

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God the Father, now and forever.**

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.***

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:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

*God Himself Is With Us
Open Our Eyes*

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Holy God of infinite patience and grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations. When we call ourselves Christians, we announce to the world that we are followers of Christ. All too often the choices we make do not reflect our words. Yet you wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living every day reflect our desire to be on the path that would be recognized as faithful to the Savior, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#569); St. James (#287)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction:

Today we feast at your table, Lord Jesus Christ, along with our sisters and brothers around the world. May we continue to be as invitational, as welcoming, and as gracious as we have been in this time together.

Go now to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*On This Glad Day
Victory Through Christ*

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 meets 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

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

October 1st – Jackie Mueller, Sandra Stark

2nd – Kevin Kellner

3rd – Diane Luckow

5th – Alexander Miota

7th – ValJean Marcoe

ANNIVERSARY :

October 2nd - Lee & Terri Schmitz



FALL STUDY GROUP – Mon., Oct. 2nd, 10am/5pm at St. Mark's. Bring your Bible.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING – tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 2nd,

ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – 6:30pm, Wed., Oct. 4th

MISSION/VISION TEAM – Saturday, Oct. 7th, 8-9:30am, St. Mark's

CROP WALK – next week Sunday, Oct. 8th.

OUR JOINT SMJ YOUTH AS WELL AS ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE COLLECTING girls and boys ages 5-9 clothing and personal care items.

Ideas: comb or brush, toothpaste, washcloth, fun adhesive bandages, reusable eating utensils, nail clipper & file, clothing & undergarments, wristwatch or jewelry, flipflops/shoes, hats, sunglasses, bags/backpacks/purses, hair accessories, flashlight, cold weather items.



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE UNITED CHURCH MEN AND WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET to be held at 6:30 on Thursday, October 19 at St. James.

St. Mark's and St. James are hosting this year's banquet. We would love to have several of our members in attendance as we recognize people pursuing a career in ministry. Contact Lori Roelse or Scott Henschel for tickets. Cost is \$18 per person. **Tickets need to be requested by October 1.**

Lori can be reached at 920-946-3540 or laroelse@gmail.com

TODAY-COME JOIN US!



NOTES:

St. James Mission Fest!

See the Project Angel Hugs Bulletin insert 'Wish List'

St. James UCC

13312 Pioneer Rd, Newton WI 53063

Ham Dinner

Carry outs only

Sunday, October 15, 2023

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Please join us in worship at 10:00 am.

Guest speaker from Project Angel Hugs.

Dinner will include: Ham, German Potato Salad, Corn, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Pumpkin or Apple Pie

Cost: \$14.00 per meal

Thank you for supporting "Our Church's Wider Mission".