



Mystery

*Embracing the mysterious nature of
God through the book of Job*

Disoriented October 8

Deserted October 22

Silenced October 29

Restored November 5 (St. Mark's)

Sunday, October 29, 2023
St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist

"Bless our God, O people, let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the land of the living, and has not let our feet slip."
(Ps 68:8-9)

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Forward Through the Ages

Call to Worship:

L: Here we are Lord, filled with life and breath,

P: citizens in the land of the living, by your grace.

L: You know our paths, and the help we will need to keep our feet firm.

P: In this time of worship, equip us to be your upright followers, fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Prayer:

This morning, God, we want everything to be for your glory. We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives – all to be for you. Everything ours is yours, and we come together to declare this to be so, on this Sunday, your holy day. Bless our time together with your holy presence, *Amen*

Hymn: (#16 – Binder)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

[Please Be Seated]

Young at Heart:



The 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*

Hymn: (#20 – Binder)

Living For Jesus

Scripture Reading:

Job 38:1-11, 16-19

*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
 Dress for action like a man;
 I will question you, and you make it known to me.
 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 Tell me, if you have understanding.
 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
 Or who stretched the line upon it?
 On what were its bases sunk,
 or who laid its cornerstone,
 when the morning stars sang together
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"*

*“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”*

*“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?”*

Message:

Silenced

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:

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. Amen.

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: (#287 – Hymnal)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction:

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God’s love and peace to all whom you meet. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Praise Him! Praise Him!



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

October 29th – Bonnie Schuette

30th – Colton Scharl

November 1st – Tyler Athorp, Kim Grotegut, Jamie Henschel

2nd – Ben Summers

3rd – Brynn Bergeman, Nathan Roelse, Rick Wippermann

4th – Michelle Scharl, Blair Sheldon

ANNIVERSARIES :

October 29th – Mark & Kathy Stolzmann

November 4th – Dave & Ann Adams



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

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Check out our Website: www.stmstjucc.org

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com



Congregational meeting after the Worship service today to discuss Pastor's Salary & Benefits for 2024.

****REMINDER – Pastoral Assessments are due next week Sunday, Nov. 5th.** You may either take it Online (sent out last week Sunday) or there are hardcopies available at each church.

FALL STUDY GROUP – Monday, October 30th, 10am/5pm at St. Mark's. Bring your Bible.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY – Wednesday, November 1st, 6:00pm.

ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesday, November 1st. 6:30pm.

ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, November 1st, 7pm.

160th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CHURCH- SPECIAL PROGRAM DURING THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH! Refreshments and fellowship following the worship service ☺

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



OUR JOINT SMJ YOUTH, AS WELL AS ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD for girls & boys ages 5-9. This month we're collecting 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.



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



Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



NOTES:

WELCOME!

To the parents of young children:

Relax! *God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*