



Sunday, September 17, 2023
St. James and St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Lori Roelse, Reader

Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a kind word cheers it up. Proverbs 12:25

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

Come, Come, Ye Children of God

Call to Worship:

L: O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world,

P: enable us to be still and know that You are God.

L: O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,

P: breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

L: O still, small voice, speak to us this hour

P: that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need and satisfy those who pray in earnest to you. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven.

Amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#647)

St. James (#43)

[Please Be Seated]

*We Have Come to Join in Worship
When Morning Gilds the Sky*

Teachers' Installation and Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us.

Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

We praise you for your faithful love and pray that you would make us worthy to bear your name. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#319)

St. James (#12)

*Shine, Jesus, Shine
For the Beauty of the Earth*

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6:34; Psalm 34:4

*Matthew 6:34 ESV**Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**Psalm 34:4 ESV**I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.***Message:***Stressed is Desserts Spelled Backwards***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* ~

St. Mark's:

*I Love to Tell the Story***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Knowing that many voices clamor and compete, that many tummies go hungry, that many minds are left uneducated, that many children and women suffer abuse daily, we pray that these offerings given may be blessed and multiplied to serve others in need according to your will. *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:

St. Mark's (#344)

St. James (#324)

*I Have Decided To Follow Jesus
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation***Benediction:**

God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the center, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, look to a different harvest—a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you. *Amen.*

Postlude:

St. Mark's:

Duke Street

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 is on summer break ~

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

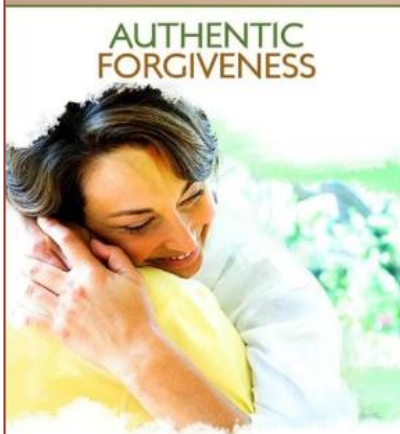
Fall Study Group

Two four-week long back-to-back sessions.

Study begins: **Monday, September 18**

10:00 AM & 5:00 PM (possibly 5:30 PM)

at St. Mark's UCC



Contact the church office to be part of this Fall Study Group:

stmstjoffice@gmail.com or 920.693.8361

There are no books or other materials to purchase, just bring your Bible.

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

September 17th - Katie Kleinhans

19th - Chase Heling

*20th - Ryan Athorp, Alyssa Hess, Sherry Jump,
Rachel Krause, Abbey Sheldon*

*22nd - Ruby Jump, Betty Kellner, Austin Riesterer,
Payton Scharl*

ANNIVERSARIES:

September 18th - Brian & Wendy Henschel

21st - Richard & Alyssa Hess



FALL STUDY GROUP STARTS TOMORROW - Come at 10am or 5pm and bring your Bible.

ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL - 6:30pm, Wed., Sept. 20th

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FRIDAY, SEPT. 22ND Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

SUNDAY, OCT. 1ST - WORLD COMMUNION & NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING SUNDAY.

BUNCO



St. James and St. Mark's ladies join us for **BUNCO NIGHT, Thursday, Sept. 21st at 6:00 pm at St. James.**

A \$5 participation fee is optional

Please join us and RSVP to Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or email tserketich@yahoo.com



**Cornhole
Get -Together
for the Guys of
St. James & St. Mark's**

**October 1st
2:00
at St. James**

Refreshments Provided

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."*