



Sunday, March 13, 2022
One Great Hour of Sharing
St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz Organist: Ann Rodewald
Reader: Scott Siekman Choir Director: Kathy Jurk

Meditative Music
Bells Ring Prelude

Gathering for Worship:

Rock of Ages

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: God desires to gather us;

P: He gathers us together today.

L: His wings spread out before us;

P: His presence, all around us.

L: He is our fortress;

P: He is our strength.

L: Because of us, he is wounded;

P: By his wounds we are saved.

L: Until all fear is gone;

P: Until the work is finished.

L: In God we find our justice;

P: In God we find our peace.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, we stop here today to think not only of ourselves and our needs. We pause not just to have our cups filled by your love; we stop as well on behalf of others. We hold before you those whose cups are filled with bitterness and anger, those who have lost their way and who worship success and the idols of our world, we name them before you and ask that you give them new hearts— hearts that are filled with goodness and with faith.

Lord, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: (#72 Hymnal)

Now Thank We All Our God



Young at Heart:

Prayer of Confession:

O Wounded Healer, Mighty and Merciful, nothing we say can undo the damage we have done. As you wept over Jerusalem, we now weep over our world. You see what we have done with the gifts you have freely given us. You sought to gather us, but we were not willing. Your prophets spoke, but we did not have ears to hear. Now their blood is on our hands. We have stoned those you have sent. Now, in our desperation, we pray.

Our lives are in chaos, but we long for your joy. Beyond our rationalized violence, we yearn for a peace that makes no sense. Forgive us, God of mercy and grace. Come again to us, we pray. Then we will surely say, *"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."*

Words of Assurance:

We hear and receive the good news of Jesus Christ. Our God has been faithful throughout the generations. Our God makes all things new; makes gardens spring and wounds repair. In God's love, we are made whole. In God's mercy, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. *Amen.*

Hymn of Assurance: (#5 Hymnal)

Come Thou Almighty King

Affirming Our Faith:

Apostles Creed

Scripture Reading:

Luke 13:31-35

Message:

Under the Wings

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

St. Mark's Choir:

Shepherd of Love

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:

On Eagle's Wings

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

The hungry are invited to feast at God's table, where our mourning turns to dancing, our affliction is met with comfort, and our rejection turns to belonging. Out of God's gift of abundance, we offer gratitude. We gather our gifts together and offer them to God in praise. Ever-Present, Life-Giving God, may these gifts be used to pass on your peace, justice, and healing. *Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending: (#377 Insert (Pilgrims People) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Benediction: (responsively)

Now, may the grace of God go with us all. May God's face shine upon us. May we carry God's peace into the world, offering the wholeness and healing we have received. May we never cease to love and endure until the work is finished. *Amen.*

Postlude

Ukrainian National Anthem

Luke 13:31-35

“At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, ‘Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.’

He replied, ‘Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!’

‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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please contact Pastor Patrick at 920.693.2858 or leave a message on the church's
answering machine at: 920-693-8361



This week's celebrations:

BIRTHDAYS:

March 13th – Louise Jetzer, Hannah Schmitz

14th – Kayla Sommer, Patty Taylor

16th – Scott Zolltheis

17th – Adelia Scharl, Delmar Sommer

*18th – Tammy Dexter, Margene Karstaedt,
Dave Mueller*

*19th – Jody Binversie, Steven Heckmann,
Kristin Zolltheis*

No Anniversaries this week

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."*

LOOKING AHEAD... NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20th ...

***St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10am Sunday School***

***St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School***

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ST. JAMES CONSISTORY – Monday, March 14th, 6:30pm

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Tuesday, March 15th, 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS– Wed., March 15th at ST. Mark's

**LENTEN WORSHIP – Wednesday, March 15th, 7pm
at St. Mark's**

ST. MARK'S CHOIR REHEARSAL –Wed., March 15th after the Worship Service

Looking Ahead:

Mission Trip Fundraiser Soup Cook-Off!
Next week Sunday, March 20th, 11am to 1:30pm
Laack's Hall in Johnsonville
Cost: \$10

Vote for your favorite soup with cash!
There will also be a bake sale & a variety of raffles!

**HS YOUTH MEETING - NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, March. 20th, at St. James,
5:30pm. *Be sure to bring your Bible.**

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GPS

Grow – deeper in our faith and relationship with God.

Pray – pray daily for family, neighbors, and others.

Study – read the Bible, pray over what we read, ask questions.

Additional Text: Phil 3:17-4:1; Psalm 27; Gen 15:1-12, 17-18

The Gospels during Lent follow the physical journey of Jesus starting at the Jordan river, as he moves through Galilee and Judea on his way to Jerusalem – an epic story and one we know well. Along the path ahead lie pain, suffering and death. Today, Jesus is passing through Galilee, in the territory of Herod. He is warned by the Pharisees that he should leave – he is in danger of being killed.

But Jesus has no intention of leaving. That is not how he rolls. He confidently brushes off the danger, in fact he scoffs at it. No, he keeps doing what he does, healing and teaching. He knows he has nothing to fear. The final act hasn't started yet. It has to end in Jerusalem.

And he describes his sorrow with one of the most tender and loving images in the gospel – a mother hen caring for her wayward chicks.

We too have our moments of lament, as our chicks stop listening and go astray. But no matter where they go or how far they may drift, we are still prepared to step in front of them and spread our wings to protect our flock against any danger.

Jesus is our mother hen, gathering us to him. And when danger appears, he will protect his flock. It is a very moving image. A maternal side to Jesus we don't discuss very often.

Prayer: Lord, in those moments when we are flitting about and going astray, we may not hear your call to us to come back. Forgive us now and always for our poor hearing. We know better. And should listen more closely. Sharpen our ears that we hear you always. Embolden our hearts that we respond to you always. *Amen*