



November 28, 2021

**St. Mark's United Church of Christ
St. James United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Organist: Ann Rodewald St. James Reader: Deb LaDuke

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: See! The ruler of earth shall come,

P: the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile

L: Praise be to God!

P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer: (all together)

Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone, we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one—the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: (#88 Hymnal)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayers of the People:

L: O God, the days are surely coming when all your promises will be fulfilled to your faithful children. We pray for the church (and especially for those unchurched, that they might come to know you through us), that we might fulfill our promises to you, and be forgiven for all our failures.

P: Come Lord Jesus; hear our prayer.

L: In your time, O Lord, a righteous branch sprang up and you brought justice and righteousness in every land. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

P: Come Lord Jesus; hear our prayer.

L: In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people safety and comfort. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (and especially those in refugee camps who have lost the comfort and familiarity of their own homes); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

P: Come Lord Jesus; hear our prayer.

L: Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week (as they celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, and home comings); that they might be filled with joy and gladness.

P: Come Lord Jesus; hear our prayer.

L: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

P: Come Lord Jesus; hear our prayer.

Come among us O God and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among riding on a cloud and with great power and might, we might come to adore him. *Amen.*

Hymn of Assurance: (#191 hymnal)

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Message:

The Lord is our Righteousness

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Hymn of Faith: (#97 Hymnal)

Hark The Glad Sound

The Lord's Prayer

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:

Emmanuel

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

Hymn of Sending: (#93 hymnal)

Arise the Kingdom is at Hand

Benediction:to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude:

Arise, Shine

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Send an email to be added to our prayer chain.

Messages are uploaded to YouTube: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Jeremiah 33:14-16 ESV

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

LOOKING AHEAD...NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 5th

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St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 to 11:30am

St. James: 10:30am Worship

Sunday School Program Practice, 9:00-10:15am

Sunday School after the 'Young at Heart' Message

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

November 28th – Tiffany Schnelle, Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

29th – Barb Reimer

30th – Logan Strynick, Donna Wippermann

December 4th – Tyler Bramstedt, Ellen Mae Surfus, Jim Taylor

Anniversary:

December 2nd – William & Dorothy Mueller

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY!

MISSION TRIP MEETING-Dec. 5th, 4pm at Saron UCC. Come and learn the details of the July 17 – Friday, July 23, 2022 trip to Knoxville, TN. Everyone ages 12 and over is invited to participate! You can sign up for the trip and make a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit at that meeting or by the sign-up deadline of Jan. 9th, 2022

STUDY OF LUKE - Monday, Nov. 29th, 6pm, St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Tues., Nov. 30th, 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS – Wed., Dec., 1st, 6-7:30pm, St. James

ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE – Wed., Dec. 1st, 7:00pm

ST. MARK'S COOKIE EXCHANGE -Sign up Due Dec. 4th. Exchange is happening Dec. 12th. See Lori Roelse for details.

ST. MARK'S MEMBERS ~ Be sure to sign up on the Greeter sign up sheet in the back of church.