

# BECOME



so in Christ we who are many form one body,  
and each member belongs to all the others.

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Building Fund Sunday**

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist

Brianna Miota, Reader

Our mission is to help others deepen their relationship with God,  
become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of  
Christ's love with others.

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff  
Everlasting Victory*

## **Call to Worship:**

Beautiful children of God, what is God's greatest desire for us this day?

**That we should love our eternal King  
With all our hearts  
With all our souls,  
With all our minds,  
And with all our strength.**

Feel the joy of God, beating within your hearts, in hearing this.

**We give ourselves to God in all ways  
as we sing the Lord's praise;  
and proclaim him Lord most high.**

**Lord, be with each one of us today. We come to you seeking your wisdom and guidance for our lives and all important decisions. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us and enable us to put these gifts to use in your world and in your name. *Amen.***

## **Hymn:**

St. Mark's (#111); St. James (#43)

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## **Affirming Our Faith: 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.***

**Young at Heart:**



## **Prayer of Confession:**

God be merciful to we who are sinners! May the grace of your forgiveness, bloom evergreen for all your children, and work powerfully in us, changing us into better image-bearers of Christ and more faithful servants of you, our king.

Let our inability to ever perfectly love you, O God, drive us daily to the arms of Christ wherein the enormity of your mercy and the scandal of such grace lavished upon us would birth in us a new and greater affection for you, and a new and greater desire to do that which pleases you. Somehow use even our weaknesses to your glory.

## **A Moment of Silence:**

**Words of Assurance** (Now hear these words of favor:)

**Children of God, beloved and beautiful: All these sins you have truly repented of, he has eternally forgiven. They will never be held against you. You are free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance, knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient to your own failings. Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!**

## **Hymn:**

St. Mark's (#688); St. James (#258)

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

## **Scripture Reading:**

Romans 12:5-8

*so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

## **Message:**

*Four Building Blocks of Our Mission: Become*

Dr. Patrick Schultz

## **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](http://stmstjucc.org)).

## Offertory Music:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*Be Thou My Vision  
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**Doxology:** ~ *The offering is brought to the altar ~*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## 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.*

## Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's (#344)

St. James (#469)

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
I Need Thee Every Hour*

## Benediction:

Go now in peace. Bring the good news of God's eternal love, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to all you meet. Go to love and serve our Lord... *Amen.*

## Postlude:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*Living for Jesus  
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

### **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 at St. James 9-10am ~*

#### **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: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)



## Our Church Celebrations!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

*March 16<sup>th</sup> – Scott Zolltheis*

*17<sup>th</sup> – Adelia Scharl, Delmar Sommer*

*18<sup>th</sup> – Mike Bernhardt, Tammy Dexter,  
Dave Mueller*

*19<sup>th</sup> – Jody Binversie, Kristin Zolltheis*

*22<sup>nd</sup> – Charlie Kolb*

### **NO ANNIVERSIES THIS WEEK**

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**FYI:**

**ST. JAMES CHOIR** is not rehearsing this week.

**QUILTERS** are not meeting on Tuesday.

**LENTEN WORSHIP  
AT ST. JAMES, 7pm,  
Wednesday, March  
19<sup>th</sup>.**

**SPECIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING AT ST.  
JAMES AFTER THE  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH  
23<sup>RD</sup>.**

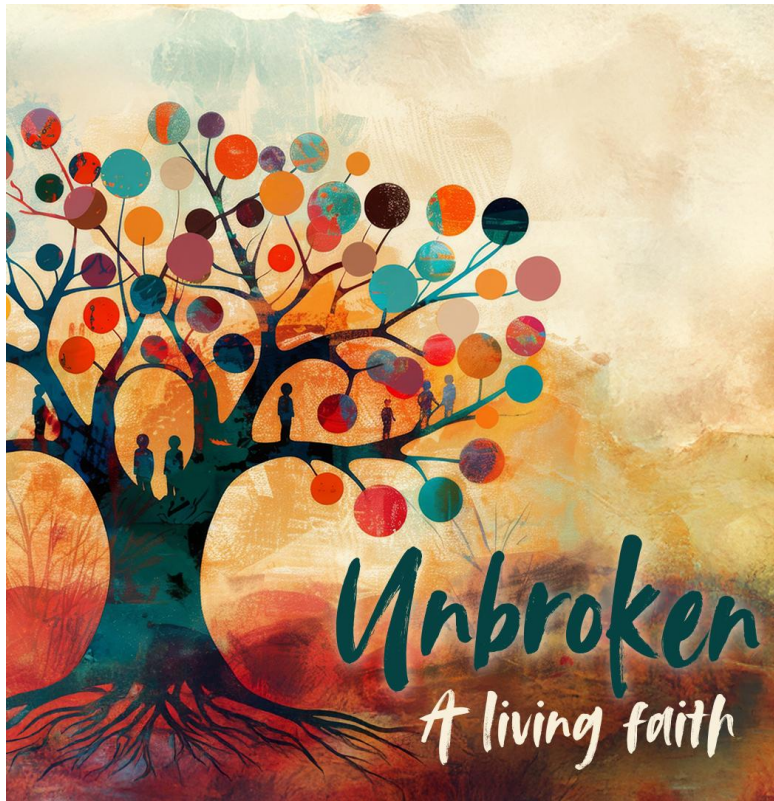


## TOURNAMENT!

**ST. JAMES UCC  
SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd  
1:00pm**

*Open to Men & Women of  
St. James & St. Mark's UCC*

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MONDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>.** Email them to Karen at [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)



## **Lenten Wednesdays**

*Unbroken: A Living Faith is a deep dive into the God of faith. It is a time to recall, re-establish, and renew our own faith in God even when we are (or feel) broken.*

*Join us on Wednesday nights for this series as we explore a faith, passed down from generation to generation - in an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus.*

**March 19<sup>th</sup> – 7pm at St. James**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> – 7pm at St. Mark's**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7pm at St. James**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – 7pm at St. Mark's**