



Wednesday, March 19, 2025
St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist

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:

What Wondrous Love Is This

Call to Worship:

Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!

For this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We are the daughters, and we are the sons, of the living God.

We will rejoice and be glad in him.

Come and sing your praises, for the Lord now reigns.

This is the day, come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#464)

Dwell In Me, O Blessed Spirit

Affirming Our Faith Together: Apostle's 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.*

Prayer of Confession:

God of all grace may our worship tonight glorify you even as we pledge ourselves to you heart, soul, and mind. May your presence near us be felt in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from a right and meaningful relationship with you, with ourselves, and with one another. Reveal to us the path toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name.

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

Christ died for our sins and rose again that God may free us from the tyranny of false prophets and despotic leaders to live fully in the power of God's grace.

Quiet our inner and outer contention, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness. Through your divine love, transform all that threatens to destroy the good that you have created. In the name of Jesus Christ, live now, fully into God's grace. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#472)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture Reading:

John 1:1-5 ESV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Message:

God Becomes Human For Us

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Peoples' Prayer:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, as we are renewed in spirit. May you guide us and use us to bring about your reign of peace on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, the holy one, we now pray:

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).

Offertory Music:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Doxology:

***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. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy, compassion and generosity, creativity and mercy. Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness with all who hunger for a new life with you. Bless these humble offerings and multiply them even as you did the bread and fish that others may know of your great love. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#461)

Savior Like a Shepherd

Benediction:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. Go now to love and serve our Lord...

In the name of Christ the Lord and Savior, we pray and we say: ***Amen!***

Postlude:

Meditation on "Rathbun"

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.

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