

The Great Commission

GO

MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Ann Rodewald, Organist

Jacob Grunwald, 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:

Called to Serve by Gaither

Call to Worship: (2 Corinthians 13)

God the Creator is in this place.

The love of God is with us.

Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.

The grace of our Lord is with us.

The Holy Spirit is in this place.

The communion of the Spirit is with us.

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever.

Jesus, our Savior, in response to your call to be your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Open our lives and teach us how to follow your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them your ways. Let us know the full blessings of our God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *Amen.*

Hymn:

Sing a New Church

St. James (Insert)

St. Mark's (#577)

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:

Here I Am, Lord

St. James (#13 Binder)

St. Mark's (#559)

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Message:

Four Building Blocks of Our Mission: Go

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).

Offertory Music:

It Took a Miracle

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. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your faithful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending:

They'll Know We Are Christians

St. James (#31 Binder)

St. Mark's (#595)

Benediction:

We go forth today in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to make disciples of all nations. To baptize and to teach; to love and to serve; To remember that Jesus is with us to the end of the age. Go now to love and serve our Lord... *Amen.*

Postlude:

Go to the World!

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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