



**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 13, 2025**  
**St. James; St. Mark's United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Ann Rodewald, Organist  
Cindy Sohn/Kathy Jurk, Choir Director  
Scott Siekman, 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:

*The Holy City*

## **Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 100)**

Today let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**Let us worship the Lord with gladness.**

Let us come into God's presence with singing.

**God, you are the Holy One our Lord. It is You who made us, and we are yours; we are Your people, and the sheep of Your pasture.**

We enter your gates with thanksgiving, and your courts with praise. We give thanks to you; we bless your holy name.

**For you are good; Your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations. Let us sing our praises to the Lord.**

**Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.**

**Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **Hymn:**

**St. James (#135)**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**St. Mark's (#265)**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor (vs. 1, 3, 5)*

## **Affirming Our Faith Together: Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Gentle God, we have wandered away from you, from your love, and from what gives you deepest delight in our lives, so our lives become hollow and hungry, lost and lonely.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Instead of following Christ as Lord, we selfishly cling to our own small crowns. Grant us Your pardon and forgiveness. We return to you now, calcitrant and humbled. Receive us, accept us, forgive us, nourish us and bless us. May we always be yours.

### **A Moment of Silence:**

### **Words of Assurance:**

We join with all of creation to shout the praise of Almighty God, and to sing our *Alleluias* to the one who has conquered death. We confess to God and one another that we have failed to live as Easter people.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. May he keep us in his grace by the Holy Spirit and grant us a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

**St. James Choir:**  
**St. Mark's Choir:**

*A Palm Sunday Calypso  
Open the Gates of the Temple*

### **Scripture Reading:**

*Luke 19:28-31, 35-38, 41ESV*

*And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'"*

*And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

*And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,*

**Message:**

*Would That You Had Known*

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, so 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](http://stmstjucc.org)).

### **Offertory Music:**

*The Palms*

*~ 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:**

God, we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word that comes from you. We are hungry for your Word. We are thirsty for your peace. Speak to us, nourish our souls, and revive us with your love. Grant us grace and wisdom. Use these offerings, gifts and tithes that your Word may be shared to our community and beyond. *Amen.*

### **Hymn:**

St. James (#30)  
St. Mark's (#159)

*Come, we who love the Lord  
The King of Glory Comes*

### **Benediction:**

May God the Father, who has created you for his Kingdom; may God the Son, who has forgiven you all your sins and invited you to "Come and see;" and may God the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in your hearts so that you might follow where he leads, bless you this day and always. Go now to love and serve...

### **Postlude:**

*Lift High the Cross*



## Our Church Celebrations!

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

*April 13 – LaVern Wippermann  
14 – Alivia Maxey  
15 – Lee Schmitz  
16 – Jerry Jetzer, Dorothy Mueller  
17 – Ann Adams, Brenda Schultz  
18 – Kathy Kaestner  
19 – Julianne Luebke, Terri Schmitz*

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

*April 14 – Dean & Emily Sprenger*

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**SEE BACK OF THE BULLETIN FOR THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE.**

**ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL –**  
6:30pm Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE -**  
6:30pm Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. JAMES YARD CLEAN UP,**  
**9AM SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
(rain date is the April 26<sup>th</sup>)

**TODAY**



## **TOURNAMENT!**

**ST. JAMES UCC  
SUNDAY, APRIL 13th  
12:30pm**

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

# BRAT FRY

Wednesday May 14, 2025  
4 - 7 pm



Brats \* Hamburgers \* Chicken \* Dessert

**St James UCC**  
Spring Valley  
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

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

## ***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.*

*~~Check the back of the bulletin for the Holy Week schedule.~~*



# TODAY:

## A Living Dramatization of *Leonardo da Vinci's* **LAST SUPPER**

**DRAMA, MUSIC, COMMUNION, WORSHIP**



**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

**3:00PM**

Join us for a one hour production of "The Last Supper" inspired by the large fresco style painting on the wall of Santa Maria delle Grazie, in Milan by Leonardo da Vinci. In this dramatization, the 12 disciples speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to the Lord in light of the words which they have just heard Jesus speak, "One of you will betray me."

*Narrator:* Mason White. *Cast:* John Brown, Bob Deyo, Steve Flook, Rev. Jeremy Hylen, Mike King, Bruce Neils, Tom Ott, Richard Reineking, Keith Risse, Jeff Ritt, Jim Schwarten, Daniel Van Straten, Rev. Greg Whelton.

*Directed by:* Mandy Radloff. *Organist:* Lisa Flook. *Soloist:* Rev. Kristal Klemme.

Admission is free.

Cash donation or peanut butter jars are welcome and will benefit  
*Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward* and the *Sheboygan County Food Bank*.

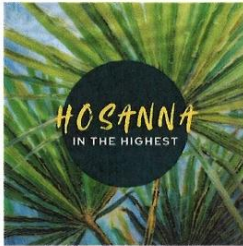
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and Wedemeyer Street)

*[side note: Pat & Noreen Flook's son & daughter-in-law,  
Steve & Lisa Flook, are both participating in this special event]*

## JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP!



### **Palm Sunday, April 13th Worship:**

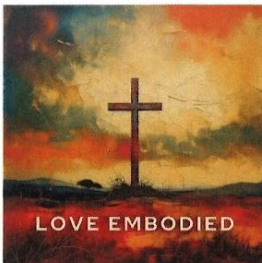
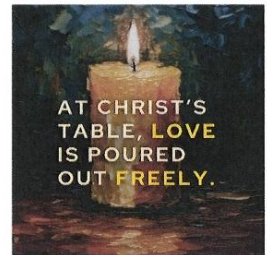
**9:00 St. James; 10:30 St. Mark's**

*Loves Us Eternally ~ Even in the face of suffering, Jesus enters with peace and love. This Holy Week, how can we embody his eternal love?*

### **Maundy Thursday, with Communion,**

**St. James 7pm, April 17th**

*God Meets Us in Bread, Wine, and Water ~ At Christ's table, love is poured out freely. Here, we are fed, forgiven, and reminded that we belong.*



### **Good Friday with Communion,**

**St. Mark's 7pm, April 18th**

*The Cross and Love's Victory ~ Even at the cross, love is not absent. Jesus' sacrifice is the ultimate declaration: Love will always have the last word.*

### **Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Worship with Communion:**

**St. Mark's 9:00am; St. James 10:30am**

*The Promise of New Life ~ Death does not have the last word—life and love reign! Today, we celebrate the hope of resurrection that changes everything.*

