



He is Risen!

Sunday, April 20, 2025

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Ann Rodewald/Randy Sohn, Organist

Kathy Jurk/Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

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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 Choral Prelude:

*Low in the Grave
It Was Finished Upon the Cross*

Lord, like the women at the tomb on the first Easter, we come out of our darkness
and into your light

We come out of emptiness to enter your fullness.

We come out of our hopelessness to find your joy

We come out of our confusion to seek your peace.

We come far from home because we know we have been found

**We come at your invitation to celebrate your risen life and to praise
you as Lord.**

**God of life, all that defeats life you have vanquished. All that opposes love you
have overcome. We are in awe of your glory. We are in debt to your grace. We are
in love with your Christ. Raise us up now in worship; create us anew, that we may
serve you with joy and confidence as your resurrected people, in the name and
the Spirit of Christ, *Amen*.**

Hymn:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

St. Mark's (#288), St. James (#167)

Affirming Our Faith Together: 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*.**

Prayer of Confession:

Risen Christ,

The world despised and rejected you
You responded with grace, humility, and welcome
The proud questioned your power, devised your death
You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life

Forgive us, Merciful One

Our arrogance
Our selfishness
Our scheming
Our violence

Forgive us, Merciful One
We are like them
Make us like you

Time of Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance:

Risen Christ,
We claim your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness
We claim your resurrection power:
Dying, you destroy our death
Rising, you restore our life.
You come now with saving power
Alleluia. Amen.

St. Mark's Choral Anthem
St. James Choral Anthem

My Lord, What a Morning!
We Celebrate the Morning!

Scripture Reading:

John 20:1-18 ESV

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#298), St. James (#165)

The Day of Resurrection!

Sacrament of Communion:

Holy are you and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering death and resurrection

you gave birth to your church

delivered us from slavery to sin and death

and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

hosanna in the highest.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope

through the resurrection of your Son from the dead,

and to an inheritance which is

imperishable

undefiled and

unfading.

Once we were no people – but now we are your people

declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness

and into his marvelous light.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread

and gave thanks to you,

broke the bread and gave it to his disciples

and said take eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you and gave it to his disciples saying

drink from this all of you

this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you

and for many for the forgiveness of sins

do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

On the day you raised him from the dead

he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread

and in the power of your Holy Spirit.
Your church has continued in the breaking of bread
and the sharing of the cup.

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice.
In union with Christ's offering for us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ redeemed by his blood
By your spirit make us one with Christ
one with each other
and one in ministry to all the world till Christ comes in final victory.

And now with the confidence of children of God let us 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:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth
My Lord, What a Morning*

~ 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:

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#302)

He Lives

St. James (#176)

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Benediction:

Sisters and brothers, Jesus Christ, our Savior, is alive! The grave could not hold him. Christ is alive! There is joy this morning! Go into the world with joy. Tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God's love. Go, my sisters and brothers, go without fear; go without shame; go without apology. Go now to love and serve the Lord...

Postlude:

St. Mark's:

Thine Is The Glory

St. James:

Fanfares on "Easter Hymn"

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: www.stmarksstjamesucc.org

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmjstjoffice@gmail.com



Loving Gifts of Easter Lilies From Our St. Mark's Families

- *Shared by Dave & Ann Adams in memory of Ken & Joann Wolff and Leonard & Ruth Adams.*
- *Shared by the Todd Binversie Family in memory of Karen Binversie.*
- *Shared by Alice Broehm & Judy Steinbeck for the Joy of Easter.*
- *Shared by Dave & Cindy Call in memory of our parents.*
- *Shared by Pat & Noreen Flook for the Joy of Easter.*
- *Shared by Marlene Kammann in memory of Melvin.*
- *Shared by Kevin & Betty Kellner in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Myron Bosman.*
- *Shared by Grandma Karen & Grandpa Bruce in celebration of Rebecca Miota's and Brianna Miota's 18th birthday and upcoming high school graduation. What a blessing you both are! (2 lilies)*
- *Shared by Keith Strysick & Family in honor of Lynn Strysick. (3 lilies)*

Loving Gifts of Easter Lilies

From Our St. James Families



- *Shared by Heidi & Clarence Belitz for the Joy of Easter.*
- *Shared by Tanya & David Boman in loving memory of my parents, Myron & Carlene Sohn.*
- *Shared by Sheila & Brian Hemb in memory of Lionel & Joan Hellmer and Kenneth Hemb.*
- *Shared by Jamie & Heather Henschel in memory of Kathleen Henschel.*
- *Shared by the Scott Henschel Family in honor of Vernon & Jean Henschel.*
- *Shared by Katie & Daniel Kleinhans in memory of Grandpa & Grandma Kuether and Grandpa & Grandma Sohn.*
- *Shared by Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb in memory of Kerri Lee Kolb, our daughter.*
- *Shared by Susan, Cindy & Sandy in memory of Alvin & Loretta Kracht.*
- *Shared by Sandy Kracht & Al Jones in celebration of our 36th Wedding Anniversary.*
- *Shared by The Krause Family in memory of Dolores Krause.*
- *Shared by Richard & Sarah Lutze for the Joy of Easter.*
- *Shared by Family in memory of Ornedo & George Miller.*

- *Shared by Dorothy Mueller in memory of my twin brother Don.*
- *Shared by Jackie, Dave, Cody, Lexi, Cheyenne, Ben & Carson in memory of my parents, Ilene & Leroy Stock.*
- *Shared by Tammy Serketich for the joy of Ella, Ezra, Cole.*
- *Shared by Abby Peterson & family, Ally & Amanda Wasmer in loving memory of our grandparents, Myron and Carlene Sohn.*
- *Shared by Dan & Rachel Sohn in memory of Grandpa & Grandma Kuether and Grandpa & Grandma Sohn.*
- *Shared by Randy & Cindy Sohn in memory of Ken & Virginia Kuether and Myron & Carlene Sohn.*
- *Shared by Ellen Mae Surfus in memory of Bill Surfus and Arthur and Hertha Lorfeld.*
- *Shared by Mary Ann Vogel in memory of my husband, Wayne Vogel, and parents, Walter & Orvilla Stoeckigt.*





Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

April 22 – Ann Grunwald

23 – Karen Mansker, Mark Stolzmann

24 – Erick Heling, Sarah Lutze

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

April 22 – Allen & Sandra Kracht-Jones

23 – Bruce & Karen Mansker

QUILTERS MEET TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND, 9-noon at St. Mark's.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND. Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

YARD CLEAN UP AT ST. MARK'S SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, starting at 9am. Bring along rakes, leaf blowers and any other lawn/gardening supplies. Rain date is Sunday, May 4th at 1pm.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS AT BOTH CHURCHES FOR MORE AREA EVEN POSTINGS.

Special note: Photos are taken on occasion at both churches for use in our church newsletter, on our church Website and on the church Facebook page. If you do not want your photo or those of your child(ren) shared, please contact the church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com or call 920.693.8361

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Summer Camp Scholarship

Community United Church of Christ in Elkhart Lake is offering scholarship funds up to \$1700 to be used towards persons to attend UCC's Moon Beach Camp in northern Wisconsin. Information on 2025 camp offerings can be found online at ucci.org. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for these funds please contact the church office at 920-876-2525 or commucc.elkhartlake@gmail.com

A quintessential Northwoods Wisconsin retreat, **Moon Beach** has been welcoming guests for over 65 years! The camp sits on 110 acres between Eagle River and St. Germain on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Enjoy quiet and clear waters, mixed forests with many nature trails, an abundance of wildlife, and some of the best stargazing around!

This wondrous setting creates the time and place for you to rediscover your sacred connection to God, all others, and the earth. Through playing, relaxing, and learning together, we are transformed.

Moon Beach offers camps, events, and retreats year-round and looks forward to welcoming you!



BRAT FRY

Wednesday May 14, 2025

4 - 7 pm



Brats * Hamburgers * Chicken * Dessert

St James UCC

Spring Valley
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton