

Sunday, May 18, 2025
St. Mark's & St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Rebecca 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: *Dream God's Dream*

St. James: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Call to Worship:

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and longed for love.

We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#533)

St. James (#221)

Joy In the Morning

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

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*



Young at Heart:

First Reading:

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, you are in the song of the trees and the hungers of our hearts. You dwell in the pulse of creation; there is no place you are not. We give you thanks for the expansive power of your still-creating love.

We pray gratitude for the wild goodness of being creatures called to wonder and freedom. You have created all that is, and you call it good. Give us the courage and wisdom to know ourselves as co-creators of your vision for abundant life for all.

Pulse of life, hear our prayer. Stir into the places of ecological and spiritual despair the awareness that you are yet calling us to a new-created earth. Your Resurrection power extends to trees and hearts, imaginations and shared witness.

We lift the complexity and harmony of life to your heart and trust that you hear and hold us as we pray in shared silence:

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

We claim kinship with the one who coaxed beauty out of trees, your son Jesus who is Christ. Coax beauty out of us, living Spirit! Embolden us to be those who shape life, peace, and beauty. We pray, we live, we long, and we love, seeking to live your vision for our lives and for your church. May we know your kingdom come, even now; especially now. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#248)

St. James (#272)

*I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Message Reading:

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Message:

I Have A Dream

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 (stmarksstjamesucc.org).

Offertory Music:

St. Mark's: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
St. James: *Walking With the Master*

~ 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:

Giver of life,

You are the source of all good things.

We entrust to you our gifts,

That you would use them to make all know

That with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. Amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#355)

St. James (#471)

*This is a Day of New Beginnings
More Love To Thee*

Benediction:

Here is the commandment...love one another!

Here is the commandment...love the earth that sustains us.

Let this love flow through the ordinary and the miraculous as we help bring into being the kingdom of God, renewing our spirit, revitalizing the world. May we be peacemakers in the strife and turmoil confronting us. May we be blessed with courage to face adversity and share the love of Christ. *Amen.*

Postlude:

St. Mark's: *Sing Aloud To God, Our Strength*
St. James: *Sing and Rejoice Greatly*



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

May 19th – Jean Henschel, Carson Spindler
20th – Hudson Binversie, Noreen Flook
21st – Owen Schnelle
22nd – Samuel DeBlaey, Daniel Kleinhans

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

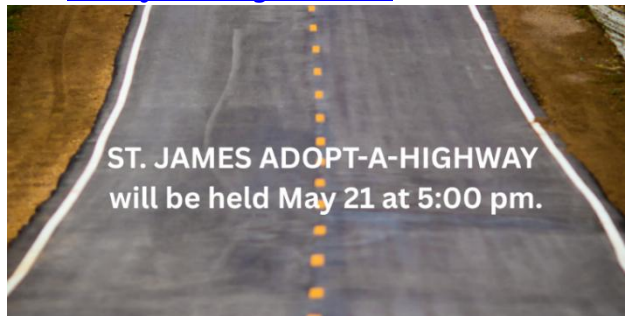
May 18th – Pat & Noreen Flook
20th – Brian & Sheila Hemb
21st – Randall & Karen Krause

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MONDAY, MAY 19TH.

Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE –
Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30

FREE: There are free BOGO child tickets available in the back of church for the Shrine Circus at the Resch Center in Green Bay TODAY! Feel free to take multiple tickets.



VISION OF HOPE – meets at 6:30pm Tuesday, May 27th

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

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook



Check out our Website: www.stmarksstjamesucc.org

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

CHECK OUT THESE TWO FUN ACTIVITIES HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

*Men & Women of
St. James & St. Mark's:*
**Come Join us for a
Sheepshead
Gathering!**
at ST. JAMES UCC,
MONDAY, MAY 19th, 6pm!



St. James and St. Mark's Ladies:
Join us for **BUNCO NIGHT**, Thur.,
May 22nd, at 6:00 pm at St. James.
A \$5 participation fee is optional
Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or
email tserketich@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Mark's & St. James invite you to a
JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY!
Sunday, September 7, 2025 (rain or shine)
Held at St. Mark's UCC, W1307 Orchard Rd, Cleveland

10:30 JOINT WORSHIP
followed by LUNCH & GAMES
(no service at St. James)
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (donations appreciated)

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

Bingo	Yard Games	Croquet	Fish Pond
Pick-a-Duck	Corn Hole	Ring Toss	Balloon Dart
Ladder Golf	Dunk the Pastor (fee per ball)And More!	

*When the event draws nearer, we will be asking for donations of prizes,
as well as the use of yard games and canopies.*

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.

St. Mark's UCC

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