



Sunday, June 29, 2025
St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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:

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Call to Worship:

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.

You are greater than we can understand;

**open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

**help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

You are wiser than we can know;

**still our minds as we worship you
so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**

Loving God, in Jesus

you chose to come to the world in humility.

You chose the path the world saw as foolish.

You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine presence to envelop this gathering. As we assemble in your name, we earnestly desire the movement of your Holy Spirit among us, preparing our hearts and minds for worship.

We are comforted by the promise You made in Matthew 18:20: “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” May your presence guide us, renew us, and draw us closer to You.

Transform this sanctuary into sacred space where we can truly encounter Your holiness. Let Your Spirit permeate every aspect of this service, filling it with grace and reverence. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. James (#190)

St. Mark's (#442)

*O Spirit of the Living God
Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus*

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.*

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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: (Psalm 28:6-7)

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Hymn:

St. James (#466)

St. Mark's (#419)

*He Leadeth Me
My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Message:

I Belong to the Losers Club

Dr. Patrick Schultz

People's Prayer:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Conference Minister, Franz Riggert;
for the churches of our conference, its ministers and lay leaders;
and for those who work faithfully behind the scenes;
for the Church, its renewal, and the spirit to launch new churches and ministries.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and war.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
for the rebuilding of peoples homes, security and wellbeing;
for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed;
the unemployed, destitute, imprisoned and enslaved;
for the aged, the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and the suffering;
and those in need.

I ask your prayers for all who are seeking safety and assurance in God;
for the people in our lives that can show them the love and grace of our Lord;
for those who aren't sure, are seeking a deeper relationship, or are in need of an
introduction to our Lord.

I ask your prayers for the members of this congregation
who seek you out for needs which we are not aware;
for unvoiced prayers and pain carried close to their hearts;

I ask your prayer for the children of this church,
for other children and families to be welcomed to this church;
that we might grow in our faith and numbers
to do your will throughout our community and beyond.

Hear our prayers, O Lord as we now pray the prayer of the people:

**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:

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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:

**Gracious God, you are the giver and provider of all things. We give thanks for who
you are and what you have given. We ask that this offering would honor your
name. Multiply these gifts that your ministry might be carried to the four corners
of the world. *Amen.***

Hymn:

St. James (#464)

St. Mark's (#496)

*Dwell In Me, O Blessed Spirit
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*

Benediction:

May the Good Lord be with you today. May the teachings of Jesus Christ grow in your hearts and life. May the Spirit protect and guide and push you when you need it. Go now, in peace, to love and serve our Lord in all that we do, all that we are, and all that we will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Song of Triumph

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

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

Like us on Facebook



Check out our Website: www.stmarksstjamesucc.org

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



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

June 30th – Allen Stolzmann

July 1st – Ruth Ann Kolb

2nd – Matthew Lutze

4th – Brandon Cyr, Henry Langenhahn, Cody Mueller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

July 5th – Kevin & Sherry Jump

TODAY - YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – TONIGHT SMJ will be playing at Saron UCC beginning at 6:30pm. Next week Sunday is a bye week for all teams.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY - Tuesday, July 1st, 6:30pm

VBS - The areas where we need help this summer for Vacation Bible School are: setting up, daily snacks, treats, beverages, crafts, music, storytelling and assisting for the day. Contact the office, stmstjoffice@gmail.com or 920-693-8361 if you are able to lend a hand.

Ride for a Cause – The Salvation Ride on July 12

Join The Salvation Army's *Salvation Ride* on **Saturday, July 12**—a **family-friendly cycling event** with route options for all ages and abilities (10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles). The ride starts and ends at **King Park** in Sheboygan, and all cyclists are treated to a **delicious broasted chicken meal from Pizza Ranch** upon their return. Form a team with others from our church—no need to ride the same distance—and support a great cause. **All proceeds benefit The Salvation Army's 45-bed homeless shelter** right here in Sheboygan.

Register today at www.thesalvationride.org

Follow on Facebook: facebook.com/thesalvationride

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE TWO SPECIAL EVENTS!

GENERATIONS BROUGHT TOGETHER BY

FESTIVE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

JOIN ST. JAMES & ST. MARKS FOR A SUNDAY FILLED WITH FAMILY, FOOD, AND MUSIC

OUTDOOR SERVICE BY PASTOR SCHULTZ STARTS 11:00	POTLUCK & SOCIAL STARTS 12:00	VARIETY OF MUSIC BY 2/5'S PARTY BAND STARTS 12:30
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WHERE : SPRING HOPE BARN 11424 SPRING LAKE RD

How do I sign up?
Check out events at
www.springhopebarn.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.

Ways You Can Get Involved...

ALTAR FLOWERS: Would you like to remember someone, or an anniversary or event? Please consider altar flowers for a Sunday morning service. Let our office know who/what they are for and we will include that in the bulletin.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: Would you like to sponsor bulletins for a Sunday morning service this summer? Please contact the office to sponsor \$20. Keep this in mind as a special way to honor or memorialize a special person or event in your life.

SPECIAL MUSIC: As we enter our summer months we are looking for those who would like to share their gift of music during a Sunday morning service. Play an instrument or sing a song - or both! Please contact our office or organists (Kathy Jurk, Cindy Sohn) to let us know of your interest.

READERS: Would you like to read the biblical text or a particular part of worship on a Sunday morning? This summer is a great time to do so. Please contact Pastor Patrick with your interest.



St. James, St. Mark's and Bethlehem UCC's
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Held at St. Mark's UCC

W1307 Orchard Road, Cleveland, WI 53015

August 12,13,14 ~ 9:00am – 12:00noon

For children entering first through sixth grades

FREE, No Charge!

Theme: An Epic Australian Adventure

An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus

For registration form visit:

<https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

Or call the church office: 920.693.8361