



Sunday, June 8, 2025, Pentecost
St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dan Borchers, Guest Pastor

Ann Rodewald, Organist

Cindy Sohn, 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:

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

Call to Worship (United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn:

St. James (#188)

St. Mark's (#334)

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

On Pentecost They Gathered

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart: we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

The God of heaven and earth revealed to us in Jesus Christ loves us without reservation, so we are confident in God's forgiveness and pardon. Our God wants nothing more than that we should approach in humility and ask to be restored. So we rest in God's mercy and know that God's forgiveness is dependable, and is an invitation to live in peace and joy with our God and with one another. Ame

St. James Choral Anthem:

Hymn: St. Mark's (#326)

Spirit Song

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Scripture Reading:

John 14:8-17 ESV

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Acts 2: 1-21 ESV

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day". But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

*"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they
shall prophesy.*

*And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and
magnificent day.*

*And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls
upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

Message:

Something Happened on Pentecost

Hymn:

St. James (#191)
St. Mark's (#332)

*Breathe on me, Breath of God
Let Every Christian Pray*

Sacrament of Communion

People's Prayer

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 (stmarksstjamesucc.org).

Offertory Music:

Come Holy Spirit

~ 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:

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service, and dedicate our lives of the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn:

St. James (#193)

St. Mark's (#329)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Benediction

Postlude:

The Spirit of God

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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2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*June 8th – Morgan Henschel
9th – William Spindler, Ray Sixel
10th – Dean Sprenger, Tara Vandoske
11th – Mike Summers
12th – Michael Belitz
13th – Henry Lutze, Emma Perronne
14th – Sheri Kaestner, Amanda Wasmer*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

*June 10th – Rick & Donna Wippermann
11th – Todd & Stacy Grunwald
13th – Jamie & Heather Henschel*

ST. MARK'S PICNIC COMMITTEE – meets at 6pm on Wednesday, June 11th

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING – Thursday, June 12th, 6pm.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL GAMES BEGIN NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, June 15th. The first week's games begin at 6:30pm and will be played at St. James UCC against Immanuel/Bethel.

ST. JAMES – Looking for help.... 8:00am Saturday, June 28 a deep cleaning of the church kitchen will take place. We need people willing to volunteer their time for this endeavor.

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 St Marks & St James UCC

Check out our Website: www.stmarksstjamesucc.org

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

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
FOR THESE TWO
SPECIAL EVENTS!**

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.



G'Day mates! Let's go on a walkabout with Jesus.

August 12-13-14

An Epic Australian Adventure

Hosted at St. Mark's UCC

9am-12noon K-6th grade

All are welcome, church goers or not!

We'll have a real bonzer time together!

We're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! We'll encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness. And most importantly, we'll be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

Please contact us with any questions.

The areas where we need help are:

setting up, daily snacks, treats, beverages, crafts, music.

storytelling, assisting for the day

Contact the office, stmstjoffice@gmail.com or 920-693-8361 if you are able to lend a hand.