



Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Call to Worship:

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for sisters and brothers who have lived in faith,

God gives thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,

God strives with us.

As we work to build up a beloved community,

God works with us.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

Holy Spirit,

Come, bless this place of worship that all who seek shelter shall find you; that all who hunger in their hearts find food for the soul; and all who suffer find healing.

Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments, that we may become for you the Body of Christ sharing the Good News so that the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#647)

St. James (#1)

We Have Come To Join in Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, we expect that you will do what we want, whatever we ask. We want places of honor and all the glory. We want to be great. We want to be first. But you, O Christ, are servant of all. Forgive our brazenness. Forgive our self-importance. Forgive us. Teach us to be humble. Teach us to be more like you. 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:

Take heart, beloved. Get up for Jesus is calling to us! Place your trust in the one who has guided the church for over two thousand years. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings and continues to call us into a community of love and forgiveness; peace and justice; humbleness and servitude. Let us celebrate this mercy of God with loud cries of amen. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#245)

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

St. James (#221)

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Scripture Reading:

Mark 10:35-45 ESV

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Message:

I Belong to the Losers Club: An Upside-Down Kingdom
Dr. Patrick Schultz

People's Prayer:

O Holy One of nights and days, of sinners and saints, of left and right, and everything between and beyond, we are grateful for all Your presence that abides in every corner of our living.

You reside quietly in the loneliest places in our hearts, keeping watch. You grieve with us in our devastations, our losses, and fears. You journey with us in our celebrations, our defeats, and even in the monotony of our days. You delight in us and love us.

May we live in that love and delight, knowing that as we sink into you we might become more like you, wanting life and grace for this world and all peoples and creatures that live upon it.

We pray for peace among nations, and that you make us instruments of that peace. We pray for our children and our youth that they may be surrounded by protection, and also challenged to be all of who they have been created to be.

We give you thanks, for all of the saints in our lives, those who are living and those of blessed memory. Here our prayers, O Lord, as we pray the 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:

~ 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:

Gracious God, as we give, let our hearts be devoted to you. May this act of giving not be routine, but a genuine expression of our love and commitment to your kingdom. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#14)

St. James (#287)

*Now Thank We All Our God
God of Grace and God of Glory*

Benediction:

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:



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

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.



Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*July 6th – Heidi Belitz, Laurie Heckmann, Tom Kleinhans,
Debra LaDuke, Wyatt Scharl
8th – Marissa Fitzgerald
10th – Emily Binversie, Jack Heckmann
11th – James Becker
12th – Linda Lutzke, Steve Schnelle*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

*July 6th – Matthew & Amber Lutze
8th – Larry & Sandy Perronne
9th – Bob & Tara Vandoske
11th – Steven & Crystal Schultz*

SMJ YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – TONIGHT is a bye week for all teams. Next week, July 13th, the game will be against Immanuel/Bethel at Immanuel.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY - Thursday, July 10th, 6pm.

ST. JAMES KITCHEN CLEAN-UP - for Saturday July 19 at 8:00 AM

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



**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

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

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| 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

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| 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.

There are registration forms for the Joint Family Picnic in the church entryway for you to complete.

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: These 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.