



Sunday, July 13, 2025
St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Ann Rodewald, Organist

St. Mark's: Scott Siekman, Reader Melissa Peterson, Special Music

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:

Hear, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Call to Worship:

Come you, who are hungry and thirsty.

The Lord will provide.

Come this day to the house of worship.

Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

Come to this time of gathering and praise.

This is a place of hope, healing, and challenge.

Come, O Holy Spirit be with us today.

Here you will be cherished and nurtured.

Lord, we come to you this day in the midst of our summer months. For many this is a time of relaxation; but for others, the burdens, worries, and cares continue to weigh them down. Be with each of us as we open our ears to hear your words, our hearts to feel your presence, and our spirits to receive your healing touch. In Jesus' Name, we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. James (#12)

St. Mark's (#51)

For the Beauty of the Earth

How Great Thou Art

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.*

Special Music:

Be Thou My Vision

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Lord, we come before you today. Some of us are rejoicing in the wonderful time of rest and relaxation; while others continue to seek relief from the burdens and worries they bear. All of us stand in need of your refreshing and nourishing love and forgiveness. All of us stand in need of grace in our day-to-day lives. All of us need the fresh, new invigoration of the Holy Spirit. You know how many times we have turned

our backs on those in need; we have been too busy, too preoccupied with our own problems. Cause us to turn around and see instances in which we can be of help and comfort to someone else. Give us strength and courage to truly be your loving disciples in the ways in which we care for others. Lead us to see the cross as more than a way of believing; let it be for us a way of living. These things we pray in Jesus' name.

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:

Rejoice! God's love is poured over you this day for healing, restoration, and hope. God's Spirit rises within you for renewal and fresh life. Feel the power of God's mercy. Go into God's world knowing you are forgiven and blessed and be a blessing to others. Amen.

Hymn:

St. James (#199)

St. Mark's (#668)

*O Word of God Incarnate
Wonderful Words of Life*

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 14:13-21 ESV

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Message:

Miracles – Who Needs 'Em?

Dr. Patrick Schultz

People's Prayer:

Lord, forgive us. You who have given yourself for me and for all people. You have offered your life and your love freely to all of us. You have offered us grace and the gift of eternal life, if we but accept you as Lord and Savior. We are reminded now, in this time of prayer, to place our trust in you. Forgive us for the ways we have lost faith in you and turned our focus away from you. We keep looking for the "quick fix" to all our problems, and the answer is always in trusting in your mercy and healing love. Thank you for your presence with us, even when we don't recognize it. Walk with us, Lord.

Give us a nudge when we need it; forgiveness when we do stupid and thoughtless things. Help us look to you in all our needs.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, from the depths of our hearts and very being as we now 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:

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

~ 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:

God of abundant grace and compassion as we offer our tithes and offering this morning, we remember that we live in a world where many don't have enough to eat or clean water to drink. The words that Jesus spoke to the disciples ring loud in our ears: "You give them something to eat!" As we put these gifts in your hands and lift our eyes in gratitude, bless and multiply them to ease the need in places we may never go for people we may never meet. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. James (#464)

Dwell In Me, O Blessed Spirit

St. Mark's (#381)

Restore In Us, O God

Benediction:

The Lord has forgiven you and restored you. You are renewed for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Go now, in peace, to love and serve him in all that you do, all that you are, and all you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Trumpet Tune in C for Organ



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*July 13 – Crissy Athorp, Pat Kleinhans, Michelle Mauk
14 – Lindsay Summers, Gerald Thiel
15 – James Schuette
16 – Anna Marie Bramstedt, Tanya Boman, Deanne Schulz
17 – Frederick Krause
19 – Mary Jo Adamec*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

July 13 – Gary Van Auken & Sandra Stark

SMJ YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – TONIGHT, July 13th, the game will be against Immanuel/Bethel at Immanuel at 6:30pm. Be there to cheer on our team! Next Sunday's game will be held at St. James against Bethlehem/St. Peter's.

ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST CHURCH NEWSLETTER ARE DUE THURSDAY, JULY 17TH. Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

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.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, COME JOIN US!

Sign up at: www.springhopebarn.com (scroll down on the page)

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

WHERE : SPRING HOPE BARN 11424 SPRING LAKE RD

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



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

Immanuel UCC

Annual Outdoor Ice Cream Social & Brat Fry

(1/4 mile north of Lakeland University)
W3690 County Road FF, Plymouth, WI

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 * 4-7pm



Serving Brats, Hamburgers, Chicken,
Root Beer Floats, Soda, &
the famous "Immanuel Special"

Proceeds benefit the work of Immanuel's Mission Committee

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



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 (<i>fee per ball</i>)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: 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.

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

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Check out our Website: www.stmarksstjamesucc.org

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