



**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Randy Sohn, Organist

*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

**Call to Worship:**

This is your day  
and we shall praise you!

This is your day  
and we shall declare your name!

This is your day,  
and we shall worship a risen Savior and our King!

**In our meeting together let us remember that we worship the God who created this world, the God who spoke through his prophets from generation to generation, led his people from captivity to liberty, healed the sick, fed the hungry and was faithful even when faced with rejection. The same God who wants all people to be drawn to his love and grace, to know his forgiveness and the joy of his salvation. Let us put aside all that hinders and join together in worship and praise. *Amen.***

## Hymn:

## ♪ The Church's One Foundation

D G D D A G F# G6 D A7 D

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

A7 E D F# F# F#7 Gdim7 G F#m A G B A C# D E7 B A

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

A D A7 E D F# G D F# Bm Bm F# Bm B D# Em

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

A C# D G D Gmaj9 Em G G Em7 Asus A7 D

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## **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.***

*Amen.*

**Young at Heart:**



## **Prayer of Confession:**

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those fault and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

## **A Moment of Silence:**

### **Words of Assurance:**

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.

Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. *Amen.*

## Hymn:

## ♪ He Leadeth Me

1 He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought! O words with heaven - ly  
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur  
 3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the

com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still  
 nor re - pine; con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since  
 vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since

*Refrain*  
 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 'tis my God who lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he  
 God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his

faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

**Scripture Reading:***Acts 6:8; 7:54-60; 11:19-21 ESV*

*And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.*

*Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

*Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord*

**Message:***Miracles – Who Needs ‘Em? Part II**Dr. Patrick Schultz***People's Prayer:**

*(The Rev. Chris Palmer, Associate Pastor: Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church)*

God of our Fathers and Mothers,

Down through the generations you have been faithful to us. There has been no drought or high water where you have not come alongside us. You have answered our prayers, even when we have been unaware. Come alongside us, again, we pray. When our road is wrong, when we feel like there is no clear end in sight, may the faithfulness you have shown assure us of your presence today.

Today, we ask for your provision for our neighbors – for those whom we love most dearly. We pray for those who feel like their lives have been caught up in forces beyond their control. For layoffs and letdowns. For opportunities that have been missed. Lord, have mercy on us when we have tried our hardest and it has not ended how we would have hoped.

We pray your presence would be with all those who linger at hospital bedsides, for those undergoing treatment, and for the ones who accompany them.

We pray for our city and nation – for the tension and polarization that comes with elections. May our pursuit of justice never undermine the humility and forbearance to which you have called us. Amidst factions, sects, and tribes, might we be united in our work for the most vulnerable.

Oh, You Who Are Our Shelter, cover the people of your world and hear these prayers.  
Bring us to the morning. Turn our grief into dancing. Hear us, we pray.

For we know that your Son intercedes for us, even when we do not know what to say.  
And so we again entrust ourselves to him, using the words that he taught us to pray,  
saying:

**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](http://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:

## ♪ Go My Children, with My Blessing

F F/A B♭ F/A Gm Gm/B♭ C F/A B♭2 B♭ Am/C C7 F



1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;  
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

F F/A B♭ F/A Gm Gm/B♭ C F/A B♭2 B♭ Am/C C7 F



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.  
 I, the Lord, will smile up-on you and give you peace:

B♭/D F B♭/D F/A B♭ Cm B♭/D F Gm F/A Gm/B♭ Dm Gm9 Gm/B♭



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here his ten-der com-fort  
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and

F/C C F/A B♭ F/A Gm Gm/B♭ C F/A B♭2 B♭ Am/C C7 F



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.  
 Broth-er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

## **Benediction:**

May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect and bring you safely through this day. 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**

***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](http://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org)

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)





## Our Church Celebrations!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

*July 20 – Carson Behnke, Hailey Henschel, Jane Vandoske  
21 – Randall Krause  
22 – Owen Bramstedt, Janice Marcheske  
23 – Madisan Langenhahn  
25 – Jay Schnelle, Tom Urness  
26 – Doris Sprenger, Alissa Uttech*

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

*July 23 – Corey & Amy Clemens  
Richard & Sarah Lutze  
Tim & Wendy Schueler  
24 – Alex & Paige Perronne  
Hank & Barb Reimer  
25 – Eric & Brynn Bergeman  
Jeff & Wendy Meyer  
26 – Henry & Kari Langenhahn  
Tim & Deanne Schultz*

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**SMJ YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – TONIGHT**, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm SMJ takes on Bethehem/St. Peter's at St. James. Come & show your support to the athletic outh of our churches!

Next Sunday's game will be held at St. James against Saron. The tournament will be held at St. James at noon on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VBS – Registration is open and rides are available.**

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](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or 920-693-8361 if you are able to lend a hand.



**RIDES ARE  
AVAILABLE**



**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**

**Registration forms are available today and you may also register Online!**

# Confirmation Class

*"Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it."* **Proverbs 22:6**



*It's getting to be that time of the year....Confirmation classes are right around the corner, starting in September. If you have a child or know of someone who is ready for Confirmation this year (entering into 8th grade or older) please contact our church office via email ([stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)) or contact Pastor Patrick directly ([schultzpw@gmail.com](mailto:schultzpw@gmail.com) or 608-352-9544) for registration.*

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## *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 (Randy Sohn, Kathy Jurk) 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.

For the registration form visit:  
<https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

There are also paper copies of the registration form available today!



**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) ....And More!</i>	

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