



Sunday, August 10, 2025
St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Marcus Ellair, Piano Brenda Schultz, Flute
Scott Siekmann, 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

Call to Worship:

Praise God who has showered us with love.

Even in the dark times, God protests and guides us.

God has blessed us with a magnificent world

If strife should assail, God call us to be people of healing and action to help others.

Come! Let us worship God who is always with us.

**Let us praise God that through all our trials and triumphs,
God's love brings us hope.**

God of mercy and love, be with us this morning as we hear the stories of Jesus and his compassion. Remind us again that we also need to be people of hope and compassion in this world which seems so dark. You, O God, open the doors of blessings. You reveal to us the many ways in which Jesus reached out to others at their time of need. Inspire our hearts and lift our spirits this day, in Christ's name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

River of Judeah

Marcus Ellair (piano)

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

How amazing it is to us, O God of love, that you look into our hearts and forgive our wayward spirits. So many times, we have succumbed to the temptations of this world, seeking comfort in its fleeting enticements. We have turned deaf ears on the cries of those in distress and walked away from opportunities to give aid and comfort.

Remind us again of how Jesus reached out to the multitudes who brought their problems and ailments to him. His compassionate touch not only healed their bodies but restored and renewed their spirits. Forgive our stubbornness and our selfishness. Give us hearts of compassion and spirits willing to serve you by serving others.

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:

Hear the good news! In this very instant, God has touched our hearts and offered His healing and forgiving love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! *Amen.*

♪ Hymn: *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* Marcus Ellair (piano)

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:19–23 ESV

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Message: *The Last Kingdom – Fight Like the King* Dr. Patrick Schultz

Peoples' 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: Brenda Shultz (flute)

~ 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 heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

How wonderful it is and what a joy we have to return to God these gifts as tokens of the many blessings God has given to us. Let these gifts and our lives be used in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

Have a Talk With God

Marcus Ellair (piano)

Benediction:

Renewed by the power of God's unconditional love and forgiveness; strengthened by the witness of Jesus to be of service to others, we go from this place rejoicing in the opportunities to serve others in Christ's name. Go now, in peace, to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all you will be. *Amen.*

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:

August 10th – Amber Lutze

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

August 10th – Richard & Linda Schroeder

13th – Joe & Cindy Klapperich

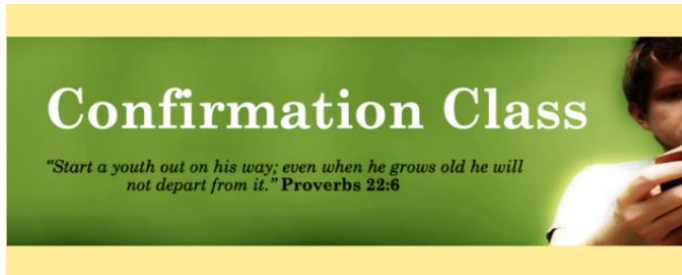
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS NEXT WEEK!!!

9am – noon August 12, 13, 14 at St. Mark's

There's still time to register....don't miss out!

Let Pastor know or contact the church office if you'd like to help out,
stmstjoffice@gmail.com or 920-693-8361

**VBS registration forms are available in the
back of church and you may also register Online!**



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 or contact Pastor Patrick directly at schultzpw@gmail.com or 608-352-9544 for registration.



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.*

For the Joint Family Picnic Day registration form visit:

<https://bit.ly/jointchurchpicnic>

**There are also paper copies of the registration form
available at church.**