



Sunday, August 17, 2025
St. Mark's & St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist Sandy Perronne, 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:

God says: "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.

When you cross deep rivers, you will not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

For I am your God, the Holy One, your Savior.
You are precious in my sight and I love you.

So do not fear, for I am with you.

No matter where you are scattered, I will bring you home.

I created you for my glory. I made each one of you. You are mine.”

Thanks be to God! Let us worship God.

Eternal God, Creator, Healer, Almighty and all merciful, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. On the mountain top you once again proclaimed Jesus your Son. And in his last week you spoke from the heavens of your glory through Christ. Be with us today. May we glorify you in the presence of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, *amen*.

♪ Hymn:

St. Mark's (#424)

St. James (#40 - binder)

How Can I Keep from Singing?

How Great Thou Art

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world.

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 words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“I have called you by name.

**You are mine. Do not fear,
for I have redeemed you.”**

♪ Hymn:

St. Mark's (#437); St. James (insert)

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

C G C F $\frac{F}{C}$ C

1 Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so!
 2 Je - sus loves me, he who died heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

C G C F C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long: they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 he's pre-pared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

Refrain
 C F C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F $\frac{C}{G}$ Am $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 43:1 ESV

But now thus says the *LORD*,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Message:

I Have Called You By Name

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

~ 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:

Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, and in the fires of the fiery furnace, and at the Last Supper washing our feet, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation into our world. In Christ's name, we pray. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

Blessed Assurance

St. Mark's (#426); St. James (#5 – binder)

Benediction:

May the Holy Trinity, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone. In the waters, in the fires, on the mountain top, in the far corners of the world, God is with us.

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.*

Postlude



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

August 17th – Heather Henschel

18th – Julie Herrmann

23rd – Gerty Free, Cindi Wippermann, Sara Wippermann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

August 17th – Galen & Deb LaDuke

20th – Glenn & Terri Grunwald

21st – Mike & Janice Marcheske

*22nd – Larry & Denise Heling
Brett & Abbey Sheldon*

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH. Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

ST. MARK'S PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING, Wednesday, August 20th, at 6pm.

ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE meets Tuesday, August 26th, at 6:30pm

ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL begins Sunday, Sept. 14th. There will also be Bible presentations, Teacher Installation/Blessing and Blanket Plus Sunday that day.



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>



St. James and St. Mark's Ladies:
Join us for BUNCO NIGHT, Thur.,
Sept. 11th, 6:00 pm at St. James.

A \$5 participation fee is optional

Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or
email tserketich@yahoo.com

Confirmation Class

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

*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.*

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