

Sunday, August 24, 2025
St. Mark's & St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Lori Roelse, Worship Leader
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 the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

For you, O God, Creator, Healer, and Love embodied, are with us today.

Bring us to clarity and understanding in this time of worship, so that we may be with you also.

In your glory you created us in your image. You made each of us and we are yours.

We worship and praise you in all your glory.

As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

Here I Am Lord

St. James (#13 - binder)

St. Mark's (#559)

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine, walking on water, and healing the lepers, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today.

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: (Psalm 28:6-7)

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard our cry for mercy. The LORD is our strength and shield; our hearts trust in him, and he lifts us from the darkness and into the light. Our hearts dance with joy, and with our song we praise him.

♪ Hymn:
St. James (#287)
St. Mark's (#569)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 28:20 ESV*
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Message: *Go in His Name and Be Not Afraid* The Mission Trip Team

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:
Generous God, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:
St. James (#373)
St. Mark's (#561)

Christ for the World We Sing

Benediction:

Go now, with your trust in Christ. Do not be silent about God's faithful love, but shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep your hearts honest.

May God rejoice over you and call you "My Delight";
May Christ Jesus bring out the best in you, to his glory;
And may the Spirit equip you all with gifts for the common good.
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

*The flowers on the piano at St. Mark's are shared in honor of
Mike & Janice Marcheske's 60th Wedding Anniversary.
Congratulations!*



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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