



Sunday, September 14, 2025

Building Fund Sunday

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Kathy Jurk, Organist

Scott Siekman, 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:

Does Jesus Care?

Opening Prayer:

We thank you, O Lord, for all the ways you have blessed us. You have given us gifted leaders. You have blessed us with a community of faith. You have endowed our lives with goodness. You have given us the Word in Scriptures.

But most of all, you have given us the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and the healing power of your Holy Spirit. For all these blessings and more, we thank you as we gather in praise and worship of Jesus Christ. Amen.

♪ Hymn:

St. James (#218)

St. Mark's (#381)

*Rock of Ages
Restore In Us, O God*

Apostle's 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.

Teachers' Installation and Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

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! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save us. He took our sins to the cross that we might be dead to sins and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, embrace God's forgiveness and peace.

♪ Hymn:

St. James (#253)

St. Mark's (#372)

*Take My Life and Let It Be
I Then Shall Live*

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 103:10-12 ESV

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Matthew 18:21-22 ESV

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Message: *Gifts Both Given and Received: Forgiveness*

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.*

Offertory Music:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

~ 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. Guide us in the use of this blessing to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

St. James (#474)

St. Mark's (#547)

*I've Found A Friend
We Are God's People*

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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:

Grand March

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

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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

**What is one question you've always
wanted to ask the pastor?**

**Be a part of a sermon series the pastor is writing
by submitting your question. All questions will
be considered for a sermon topic to be preached.**

**Write your answer on the back of the
Welcome Card.**



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*September 15th – Alexa Rae Dexter, Landin Wakefield
16th – Waylon Beck
17th – Katie Kleinhans
19th – Chase Heling
20th – Ryan Athorp, Alyssa Hess, Sherry Jump,
Rachael Krause, Abbey Sheldon*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

*September 15th – Karl & Amy Christianson
16th – Tom & Cora Kleinhans
18th – Brian & Wendy Henschel*

TODAY IS BUILDING FUND SUNDAY!

**A SOCIAL WITH REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE WORSHIP SERVICE
AT ST. JAMES TODAY.**

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, September 17, 6:30pm



ST. MARK'S: If you are interested in information regarding Sunday School at St. Mark's this year, contact Pastor Patrick at schultzpw@gmail.com or call 608-352-9544. You may also call the church office, 920-693-8361 or email Karen at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com



Confirmation Class Starting Soon...

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

All are back in school by now, settling into new (and old) routines of early mornings, full day classes, evenings of homework and other school-related activities. Sunday school has begun, and Confirmation is beginning! Our first confirmation meeting, for parents and confirmands, will be on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30pm at St. Mark's. A schedule and class materials will be made available at the meeting.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the confirmation registration form found at: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

The resources we will be using this year are: *My Confirmation* (UCC Guide through confirmation) and *A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible* (to help our confirmands get familiar with the Bible.) I will provide a pre-made 3-ring binder as well as a "notebook".

A Bible + pen/pencil are required for *each class*. Hence, I will be presenting each confirmand a new Bible to use for confirmation and to keep throughout their years. They will need to provide their own pens and pencils 😊

SAVE THE DATE: The confirmands will be attending a Confirmation Kick Off Event at Lakeland University on Wednesday evening, September 24th. I will share information about this at our initial meeting.

If you have any questions before the meeting, please email Pastor at: schultzpw@gmail.com or Karen (office manager) at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com. Call Pastor at: 608-352-9544 (cell) or the church at: 920-693-8361.

I am looking forward to a great confirmation class this year! Peace and blessings!

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz