

# Sunday, November 2, 2025 St. James United Church of Christ

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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:

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

#### And we give thanks!

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

#### Thank you, Lord!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

#### Hallelujah Lord!

We remember parents, step-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

## Praise you, Lord!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

## We thank you, Lord Jesus!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

**♪ Hymn:** (See Back Cover)

O When the Saints Go Marching In!

### **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* 

Young at Heart:



#### **Prayer of Confession:**

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear One - comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts as 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:**

Rejoice and hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the One who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints - the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! *Amen!* 

**♪** Hymn:

St. Mark's (#529) St. James Choral Anthem For All the Saints (vs. 1, 2, 5 and 6)

As the Deer

### Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 11:32-40 ESV

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**Message:** The Saints Be Marching In and Out and All Around!

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#### People's 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:**

Where'er You Walk

~ 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:

Gracious God, you call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn:

**St. Mark's** (#466) **St. James** (#467)

Take My Life and Let It Be I Love to Tell The Story

#### **Benediction:**

... Let us pray for that day and let us go forth to love and serve the Lord in all that we are, all that we do, and all we will be, to help bring about that day. *Amen.* 

Postlude:

With the Saints in Glory Shining

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY THERE IS MISSION FEST AT ST. MARK'S. THE JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00am FOLLOWED BY A HAM DINNER. THERE IS NO WORSHIP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. JAMES NEXT WEEK SUNDAY.



# **Our Church Celebrations!**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ben Summers

3<sup>rd</sup> - Brynn Bergeman, Nathan Roelse, Rick Wippermann

4th - Michelle Scharl, Blair Sheldon

5<sup>th</sup> - Hank Reimer

6<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Henschel

7th - Brian Karstaedt

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

November 4th - Dave & Ann Adams

6th - James & Bonnie Schuette

7th - David & Megan Lutze

QUILTERS MEET - Tues., Nov. 4th, 9-noon at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING - Tues., Nov. 4th, 6:30pm

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. We'd love & welcome additional voices to join us. No reservation needed, just come ©

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING - Thurs., Nov. 6th, 6pm

APPLICATIONS FOR VISION OF HOPE - due Sunday, November 9th.

ST. MARK'S WILL BE WELCOMING SCOTT & KATHLEEN LaBONTE AS OUR MISSION FEST SPEAKERS NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00. They are the co-founders of Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward, a nonprofit that offered peer support and resources for individuals in need and those experiencing homelessness. When their day center was open, they had an average of 50 people a day on weekdays and up to 80 people for Sunday lunches. When the building housing the center was condemned, they attempted to find a new location, but they continually encountered obstacles.





Sunday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.

# Mission Fest

St. Mark's UCC

N9286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland

Featuring...
Scott and Kathleen LaBonte
from Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward

Dinner to Follow

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Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal

Dine In or Carry Out! \$15 - Adults --- \$5- ages 5-10 Under 5 - Free

Ham ~~ Meat Balls ~~ Homemade Salads Parsley Butter Potatoes ~~ Rolls ~~ Corn Homemade Desserts



#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

November 17th - St. James Vision of Hope Meeting, 6:30pm

November 20 - BUNCO, 6pm at St. James

November 23 - Memorial Sunday

November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship, with Communion, 7pm at St. James

# COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS! Our Regular Worship Times:

#### St. James UCC

#### 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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### **Opening Hymn:**

# O When the Saints Go Marching In!

