



Wednesday, November 24, 2025
Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 P.M.
St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dan Borchers, Guest Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist
Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Call to Worship:

When we gather together in this place,
we gather with all the faithful in the world.

When we gather together today, in this moment,
we find ourselves with the faithful in every age.

When we gather in the name of Christ,
time and distance fade away. We cease to be a collection of time-bound individuals. We become the Church – Christ's own people. Let us celebrate our unity now!

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and Loving God,
you bring us together to worship. Give us joy and renewal. You bring us together to create community. Give us fellowship, encouragement and holy energy. You bring us together to teach, to learn, to follow the way of Jesus Christ. Give us wisdom and inspiration. You bring us together to serve. Give us love that does not judge. Give us strength that heals and lifts up the poor. Amen.

Hymn: (#19)

We Praise Thee

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.*

St. James Choral Anthem:

Sing Your Thanks to God!

The Prayers of the Church

Scripture Readings:
(see Insert)

Psalm 136, Luke 4:14-21 ESV

Today's Message:

Resilience

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The 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 (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

We Gather Together

Doxology: (Everyone stand as you are able)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Lord, you have blessed us beyond belief for which we are truly grateful. You have given us loved ones in our lives; homes in which to live; holy space in which to worship; rich abundant lives to live. Our bounty overflows. Let us give in return, as graciously and generously as you have given to us. Use these gifts to further your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#72)

Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction:

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all that you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Thankful Heart Rejoices

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.

~Sunday School at St. James 9-10am ~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

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