



Sunday, March 8, 2026

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday

St. Mark's United Church of Christ

St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Marcus Ellair, Pianist

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

****Bold text means to read in unison**

Call to Worship:

Once we lived in darkness, unable to see.

Now the light of God has shone upon us. Our eyes are opened and we are no longer blind!

You have opened our eyes Lord, that we might see you and see the need for you in our world.

The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light. Show us how we can best serve you, O Lord.

Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

Our eyes are filled with tears of gladness and joy. Our hearts overflow with love for you, Creator, Savior, and Spirit.

Gloria Patri:

St. James: (#493), St. Mark's (#734)

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Prayer:

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking your healing touch that we might see clearly now. Take away the scales from our eyes and give us a new vision of all that we can be in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly share the good news of hope and promise, made through Jesus Christ, to all the world. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

♪ Hymn:

Amazing Grace

St. James: (#2 Binder), St. Mark's: (#422)

Affirmation of Faith: (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:



♪ Hymn:

St. James: (#254)

St. Mark's: (#480)

*Jesus, I Live To Thee
Open My Eyes That I May See*

Scripture Reading:

John 9:1-12 ESV

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

Message:

I See Blind People

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

♪ Hymn:

St. James: (#221)

St. Mark's: (#502)

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee
Be Thou My Vision*

Peoples' 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

Doxology: ~ *The offering is brought to the altar during the singing* ~

St. James: (#551), St. Mark's (#34)

**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:

Steadfast God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice—not in ease or achievement—but in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. You pour your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn of Sending:

St. James: (#21)

St. Mark's: (#476)

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
I Need Thee Every Hour*

Benediction:

Go now in the blessing of God's mercy that accompanies us all on the journey, opening our hearts to receive and share God's steadfast love until all creation resonates with the joy of new life. Go now to receive fully the blessings God gives to us. Go now to love and serve the Lord: In all that you do; and all that you are; and all you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude

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 every Sunday.

St. Mark's UCC

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



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*February 8th (today!) – Jameson Binversie
10th – Larry Perronne, Jack Schnelle,
Lindsay Wippermann, Milton Wippermann
11th – David Grunwald
13th – Louise Jetzer, Megan Lutze
14th – Kayla Sommer, Patty Taylor*

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

February 12th – Tim & Brenda Miota

TODAY is your final opportunity to order an Easter lily, orders are due!

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Tuesday, March 10th, 6:30pm ~ *Come Join Us!*

COME & JOIN US TO PLAY GAMES at our group “**BREAKING BOARD**” on Wednesday, March 11th, 9:30-11:30 at St. Mark’s. Go ahead and invite everyone you know, it is open to all and there is no charge! There will be games available and you are also most welcome to bring your own to share.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – meets at 6:30pm at St. James this week Wed., Mar. 11th.

LENTEN WORSHIP – Wednesday, March 11th, 7pm at St. James.

NEXT SUNDAY IS BUILDING FUND SUNDAY.



LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 4th, 7pm at St. Mark's

Wednesday, March 11th, 7pm at St. James

Wednesday, March 18th, 7pm at St. Mark's

Wednesday, March 25th, 7pm at St. James

Palm Sunday, March 29th,

9am St. James, 10:30am St. Mark's

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd,
7pm, St. James, Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd, 7pm
St. Mark's, Communion

Easter! April 5th, Communion
9am St. Mark's
10:30am St. James

Visit our Church Website: <https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org>

Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church

YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Facebook: St Marks & St James UCC

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office:

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