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St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

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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:

Blessed Assurance

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

Call to Worship:

You are the Good Shepherd, Lord,
we hear your call;

We know your voice;
we follow your paths.

You lead us beside still waters.
You guide us to the springs of life.

You shelter us and restore our souls.
In you we find life everlasting.

We come humbly into your presence this day,
in praise, worship, and adoration.

Our hearts run over
with your unfailing goodness

and never-ending love.
In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

♪ Hymn: (#461)

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

[Please be seated]

Prayer:

O Holy One upon whom we heap our praise and thanksgiving, all glory and honor, we gather tonight to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us once again in your life-giving waters. **Amen.**

First Reading:

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside still waters.
 He restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil,
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
 You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

St. James Choral Anthem*Blessed Jesus***Second Reading:**

John 10:22-30 ESV

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Message: *Hear Our Shepherd's Voice*

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

♪ **Hymn: (#318)***Nearer, My God to Thee***People's Prayer:**

Loving and Almighty God, we lift those who are suffering from illness and pain.
 We lift those who are celebrating a renewed relationship with you.
 We lift those who are seeking you and seeking purpose in life.
 We lift those who are discerning their call to ministry.
 Hear our prayers, and bring healing, faith, guidance, and clarity.
 We pray this in the name of your precious Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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:

Lenten Reflection

~ *The offering is brought to the altar during the singing of the Doxology (#551) ~*

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:

Gracious and loving God, all of your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love. You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we bring our tithes, gifts, and offerings to you. Let these be multiplied and help bring about change and your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. ***Amen***

♪ Hymn of Sending: (#466)

He Leadeth Me

Benediction:

The Lord is our shepherd; we want for nothing. We hunger and thirst no more. The Lord gives rest and comfort to our souls. God keeps us in perfect peace. The Lord sustains us in the midst of trouble. Our lives overflow with God's love and grace. Goodness and mercy will surely follow us always. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever! Go now to love and serve the Lord in all that you are, all that you do, and all that you will be. ***God bless you!***

Postlude:

Meditation on "Rathbun

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St. James UCC

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1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00am

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

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