



Thursday, April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday
St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist

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:

Garden of Gethsemane

Call to Worship:

O God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our evil way and live. We come before you, although we have sinned and deserve only your wrath; yet we flee to your mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave his body and his blood for our redemption.

Lord, grant that we may ever thus believe and never waver.

Grant that in such faith we may worthily come to your altar to worship and to your table to partake of the bread and wine, which your Son has given for our redemption.

In thanksgiving, we remember and proclaim the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we place our trust.

Until his return, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer:

Almighty and Worthy God, graciously behold your family who comes before you. These your children, for whom Jesus gladly gave his life, now gather before you to worship and honor, glorify and praise you. We come to be forgiven and sanctified. Make us be a holy people that all we do be done for you. **Amen.**

Hymn: (#142)

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Affirming Our Faith Together: 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.*

Prayer of Confession:

Since we are assembled here in God's house to hear His Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing before God our sins of thought, word, and deed, and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature.

It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all our sin, and declared righteous in Christ our Lord. We come here today to lay claim again to the grace in which we are forgiven, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

Blessing and honor and glory and might belong to Christ—the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy. Know that we are forgiven by the blood of the Lamb, and sing praises to the Lord, giving thanks to his holy name. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

John 13:31-35 ESV

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Message:

By This Everyone Will Know
Dr. Patrick Schultz

Sacrament of Communion: (see insert)

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 Remember You

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Offertory Sung Response:

*We give Thee but Thine Own,
Whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Everlasting God, thank you that you are the light of the world; your brilliance brightens the darkened world and illumines our paths. The world and all its people belong to you. All that we have—and our very lives—are gifts from your hand. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us, trusting you with all that we are and all that we hold. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps, and the Holy Spirit watch over us on every path we follow. *Amen.*

Hymn: #465

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Benediction:

The blessing of our Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you tonight and in this Holy Week. Follow the path he has laid before you; grow in your faith and trust of him. Go now to love and serve our Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all that you will be.

Postlude:

Sarabande

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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