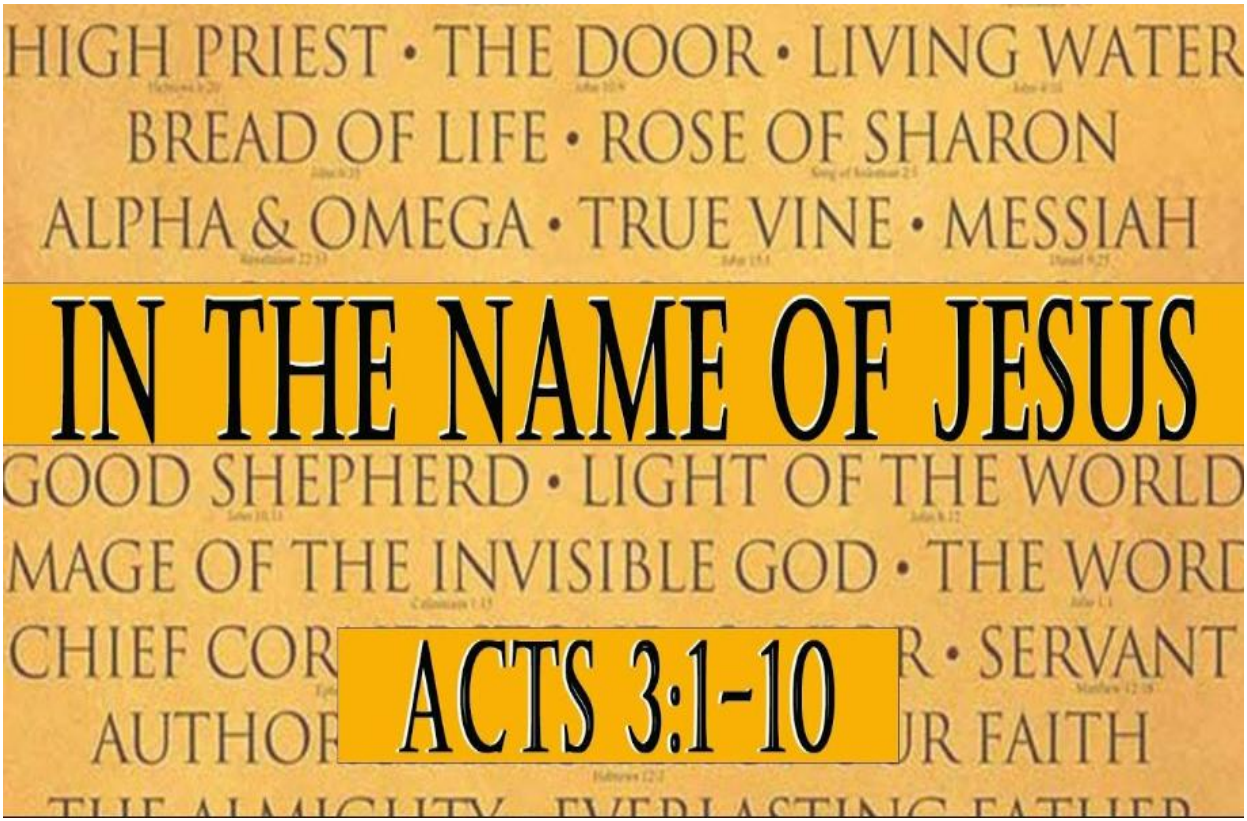

Sunday, May 10, 2026
St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Marcus Ellair, Organist Cindy Sohn, Choir Director
Scott Siekman, Reader

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:

Come, let us gather in awe and wonder, for today we see the power of God made visible.
We come to worship the God who heals, who lifts the broken,
and who calls us to faith.

We remember the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, who for years asked for alms, yet never walked.
We remember Peter and John, who saw him and said,
"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

We recall the miracle — his feet and ankles made strong,
and he leaped, stood, and praised God.
We recall the people's astonishment, and Peter's bold proclamation:
"The God of our fathers glorified his servant Jesus."

We confess that we, too, have been healed — not by our own strength,
but by faith in Jesus, the Author of life.
We confess that we, too, have been raised — not by our own power,
but by the power of God's Spirit.

Let us now praise the God who made the lame walk,
and who calls us to walk in newness of life.
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Prayer:

Good and Gracious God, we greet you this morning with all humility. You are the divine light and spirit of guidance: Alpha and Omega – Beginning and End. Open our hearts that we may receive the presence of the Holy Spirit. Open our eyes and our ears that we may see and hear your goodness. Silently now we await you, Lord. Illumine us that we may draw closer to you and to one another. *Amen*.

♪ Hymn:

St. James: *(#214 Vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)* *Just As I Am*
St. Mark's*: (#495)* *Stand By Me*

Mother's Day Liturgy (see insert)

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.*

St. James Choral Anthem: *A Celtic Kyrie*

♥Young at Heart ♥

Scripture Reading: *Acts 3:1-16 ESV*

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Message: *There's Something About That Name* *Dr. Patrick Schultz*

♪ Hymn: *There's Something About That Name*
St. James: *(#Insert)*
St. Mark's: *(#108)*

Peoples' 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*

Offering

St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through our church website: https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/

Offertory Music

Doxology: (*Sung as the offering is brought to the altar)*

(**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:

Gracious God - you have given us life and seen to our nurture through our mothers and fathers and through the love and labor of so many other people – all that we have and all that we are, is a gift from you. We offer you this tribute of gifts and ourselves – in the prayer that we might bless others as we have been blessed. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn of Sending:

St. James: *(#35)* *Lord Dismiss Us*
St. Mark's: *(#504)* *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Benediction:

Holy God still speaking, today you have spoken to us. Give us strength and courage to carry your good news into the world. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so we may stay true to your word.

Bless us as we go to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ, in all that we do, all that we are and all that we will be.

Postlude

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

May 13th – Katie Belitz
14th – Alice Broehm
16th – Andrew Peterson, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

May 14th – Tim & Amanda Russart
16th – Warren & Karen Vandoske

TODAY is the last day of Sunday School until fall.

ST. JAMES: You are invited to a SOCIAL following today's Worship Service 😊

ALL VISION OF HOPE REQUESTS ARE DUE TODAY! Applications are available in Narthex. See a Vision of Hope member with questions.

ST. JAMES BRAT FRY, 4-7pm, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH. TAKE-OUTS ONLY.
*see poster on the back page. Spread the word!

BUNCO! – Thursday, May 21st, 6:00pm a St. James.

ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE MONDAY, MAY 18TH.
Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

St. James and St. Mark's Ladies:

Join us for BUNCO NIGHT

Thursday, May 21st

6:00 pm at St. James.

A $5 participation fee is optional

Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or email
tserketich@yahoo.com

BRAT FRY

Wednesday May 13, 2026

4 - 7 pm

Brats * Hamburgers * Chicken * Dessert

St James UCC

Spring Valley
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton

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.

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:
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