

Words of Wisdom



Sunday, July 19, 2026
St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Generations Sunday at Spring Hope Barn

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:

Be Thou My Vision

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

Call to Worship:

The Lord is in this holy space, let all the earth keep silence before him.

O Come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Creator. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his land.

May the kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven, be built and filled through our faith in Christ, the Son of God.

We gather to worship him, in spirit and in truth. May our hearts and our eyes and our ears be opened and given over to his will and trust.

May you receive the wisdom the Lord imparts upon you, even as the Holy Spirit fills this holy space and blesses us.

May we be witnesses to God's truth in our home, our place of work, our community, and beyond, now and always.

Prayer:

Glory be to God on high, and on earth may peace reign and good will be shown to all peoples. We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify everything about you. And we give thanks for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. We, your children, made in your image, sit before your throne and heavenly grace awaiting your word and blessing. ***Amen.***

♪ Hymn:

Open My Eyes That I May See

Ab Eb7 Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

C7 G Fm C7 E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm Bb Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7 Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7 C Db Eb7 Db Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Affirmation of Our Faith:

The 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



Prayer of Confession:

Almighty, and merciful God our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness. We have sinned against you, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have fallen short of your glory; we have broken your commandments and turned aside every one of us from your way of life. Yet now, O most merciful God, hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts, and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Pardon our sins; take away our guilt and grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts as we lift the complexity and harmony of life to your heart and trust that you hear and hold us as we pray in shared silence:

A Moment of Silence:

Assurance of Pardon:

Listen to the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: Jesus Christ came to us and bore to the cross all our sins. Through this gift of grace, our God is a loving God who seeks to always draw us closer. We *are* blessed. Strengthen us, give us courage, and make us wise so that we may seek new ways to share our blessings. *Amen.*

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 1:2-7 ESV

*To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Message:

Get Wise

Dr. Patrick Schultz

With exaltation



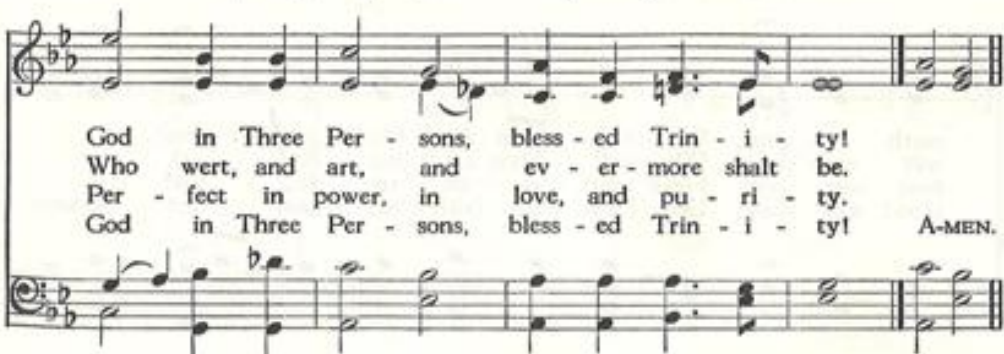
1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-MEN.

People's Prayer:

Eternal God, we thank you today for your goodness. You have given us beautiful days. You have given us *just enough* heat. You have blessed us with clear, clean waters to quench our thirst. We thank you and praise you. Hear now the prayers of our hearts as we bow in silence before you.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we now pray:

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:

The Master Has Called Us

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

***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:

Divine Lord, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

♪ Hymn of Sending:

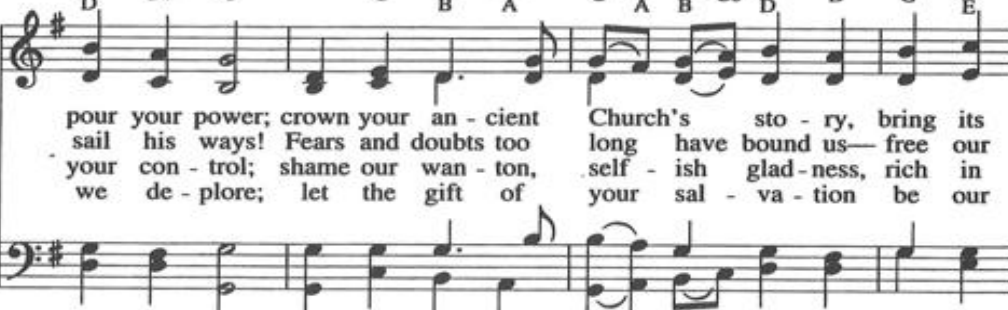
God of Grace and God of Glory

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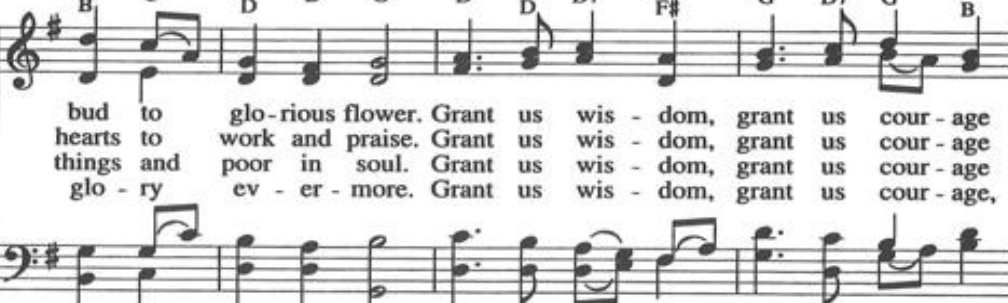
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

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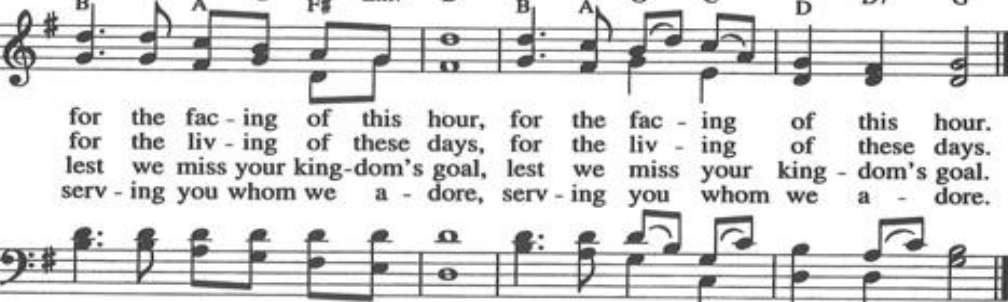
pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

$\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

$\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Benediction:

The God of peace, that brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Son of God who gave his life that we might have eternal life,
The Spirit of God who, in his flame, blessed us and still abides within
and around us... make you perfect in every good work.

Go now to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are
and all that you will be.

Postlude:

More Than Conquerors

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 is on summer break ~

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:
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*July 19th – Mary Jo Adamec
20th – Carson Behnke, Hailey Henschel, Jane Vandoske
21st – Randall Krause
22nd – Owen Bramstedt, Janice Marcheske
23rd – Madisan Langenhahn
25th – Jay Schnelle, Tom Urness*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO:

*July 23rd – Corey & Amy Clemens
Richard & Sarah Lutze
Tim & Wendy Schueler
24th – Alex & Paige Perronne
Hank & Barb Reimer
25th – Eric & Brynn Bergeman
Jeff & Wendy Meyer*



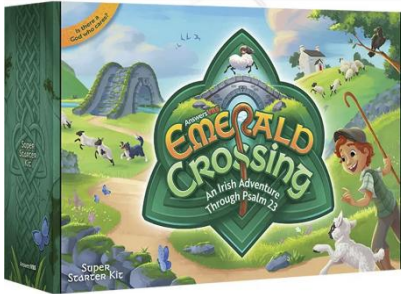
IT'S A BYE-WEEK FOR ST. JAMES/ST. MARK'S YOUTH VOLLEYBALL TONIGHT.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, IS THE YOUTH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AT BETHLEHEM UCC. Coaches & Captains meet at 11:45 and then the tournament begins at noon. Food will be available to purchase. Bring a chair and cheer our team to victory!

CHURCH PROFILE COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, July 27th, 6pm at St. James

JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING – Tuesday, August 4th, 6:30pm at St. Mark's

This summer's Vacation Bible School journey carries us to Ireland in
the Emerald Crossing.



August 18-19-20 from 9:00am till 12:00pm.

**Open to all children kindergarten – 6th
churched and non-churched.**

**Hosted by St. Mark's, St. James & Bethlehem
UCC,
held at St. Mark's UCC
W1309 Orchard Road, Cleveland WI**

In a world filled with worry and confusion, our kids need to know there *is* a God who cares for them. At *Emerald Crossing* VBS, we'll journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. We'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd.

Sign up for VBS online at: <https://bit.ly/summer2026VBS>



**OR by calling the church office:
8361**

920-693-

*Each child registering before July 31st qualifies
for a special door prize drawing!*



A NEW STUDY GROUP!

A new study group will begin the week of September 21st. It's a 7-week long Adult Confirmation curriculum, and you are invited to attend!

It will be 1.5 - 2 hours long, held in the evening (it should still be light out). Whether you can come to some of the sessions or all the sessions you will be

welcomed! The study Group is open to all, you do not need to be a member of St. Mark's or St. James to attend.

Please either reply to this email, or respond to Pastor directly or to Karen in the office (920-693-8361stmstjoffice@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Here is the agenda:

Session One

God/Jesus/Holy Spirit: Understanding the Trinity

Session Two

The Bible: Understanding Our Sacred Text

Session Three

Following Jesus: What's this guy all about?

Session Four

History of Christianity: Understanding How We Got Here

Session Five

United Church of Christ: Who Are We?

Session Six

Worship & the Sacraments: Why We Do What We Do

Session Seven

Spiritual Practices: Finding Ways to Pray & Incorporate Faith in Our



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's & St. James invite you to a

JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY!

Sunday, September 13, 2025 *(rain or shine)*

Held at St. Mark's UCC, W1307 Orchard Rd, Cleveland

10:30 JOINT WORSHIP

***followed by* LUNCH & GAMES**

(no service at St. James)

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (donations appreciated)

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

Bingo Yard Games Croquet Fish Pond
Pick-a-Duck Corn Hole Ring Toss Balloon Dart
Ladder Golf Dunk the Pastor ***(fee per ball)***And More!

We will even have cotton candy!

***When the event draws nearer, we will be asking for donations of prizes,
as well as the use of yard games and canopies.***