

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
"We Shine for All Through Christ"
St. Marys, Ohio

October 15, 2023 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost 10:30 a.m.
Order of Service

Welcome to our Worship Service today. Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME *(St. Paul's strives to create a faith community where ALL God's people are welcome to come and explore God's presence in the world. If you are new today, please fill in the Welcome Card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

PRELUDE "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" Anne A. Davis

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Matthew 22: 1-14)
Leader: In the midst of fear and anger, in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.
People: **With everything else going on, who has time for a feast? We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.**
Leader: In the midst of our anxiety, our worry; in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.
People: **We are tempted to just grab a bite, a sandwich between errands, a snack we can eat while driving, checking email, or working on today's big project.**
Leader: The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!
People: **We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy. How will we respond?**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(inspired by Matthew 22:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9)*
God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *(based on Philippians 4:1-9, Psalm 106)*
Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #59** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
(Offer God's peace to those nearby)

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Anne A. Davis

CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEANETTE TANGEMAN'S ORDINATION

HYMN #559 "Here I Am, Lord"

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris
Organ/Piano duet by Andrea Spencer and Becky Anderson

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 Rev. Daniel Busch

SERMON "Invited to Called Ministry" Rev. Daniel Busch

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

***HYMN #350** "The Summons"

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE
*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve

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| Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor | Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators |
| Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist | Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher |
| Ann Vogel, Organist | Andrea Spencer, Organist |
| Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director | Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director |
| Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant | Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodians |
| Rich Spencer, Audio and Video | Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor |
| Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and | Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary |
| Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music | Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media |

LiturgistRev. Rhonda Hainer
AcolytesConfirmands
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, October 8, 2023
Current - \$3359.00/ Mission - \$160.00
Attendance –89

The flowers on the altar today are from Jim and Neva Rowen in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Additional flowers on the altar are in celebration of Rev. Jeanette Tangeman's 25th Ordination celebration from her children and grandchildren.

PRAYER CANDLES

If you would like someone to light a candle for you, place a card in the basket (located in the back center of the sanctuary), and a designated helper will light a candle for you.




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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
October 15, 2023

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION: Let’s get rolling and collect toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. Rolls can also be purchased by giving donations to Janet Gibson, Terri Kerns or the office. We will be glad to help out. So, let’s just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support on this project.



If you are not already on the prayer team email list and would like to be, please provide Carol Schmidt with a valid email address. Carol’s email is: lschmidt@bright.net

Have you returned your questionnaire? The Strategic Planning committee would like to hear from you. This is your chance to tell the committee what the church is doing well and where improvements can be made.

Accepting:

- New/gently used heavy winter coats
- New winter hats
- New winter gloves
- New winter scarves
- New socks

Agape Ministries, Inc

Warm

Winter

Coat Drive

September 19th - October 30th

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10
Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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| SERVANTS | CATTLE | COME | OXEN |
| FILLED | REFUSED | WEDDING | DINNER |

WELCOME! St. Paul's strives to create a faith community where ALL God's people are welcome to come and explore God's presence in the world. If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor, Welcome Back. Please complete the Welcome card located in the pew pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Should you have a prayer request, please complete the Prayer card and place in the offering plate.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" The download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!

- PRAYER REQUESTS**
- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mary Schumm, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Laura Yelton, and Virginia Larmore (daughter-in-law of Kendra Strand). Also, pray for all of our military,
 - Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of them.
 - All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
 - We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2023 Altar Flower Charts, and the Liturgist sign-up sheets** are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

The Numbers of Hope to Max Lucado 3:16 Small Group Bible Study — Every Tuesday Afternoon 1:00 pm starting October 10th in the church chapel - led by Derick Johnson. Join us for study, reflection, and fellowship as we grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Have you checked out our church website? www.stpaulsuccsm.com



Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** - For your convenience, we have a staffed nursery located in the educational building. Should it become necessary for you to leave the sanctuary during worship, you can view the morning service on the TV in the nursery. **PLEASE NOTE** - Only Newborn to Kindergarten age children are permitted in the Nursery during our morning worship service to allow safety for the newborns and toddlers. Children 1st Grade and older need to remain in the church. Thank you for your understanding.
- ✚ **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the elevette room, and it also contains a baby changing table.
- ✚ **ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES** - Available if needed (consult an usher).
- ✚ **TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE** - Our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 or non-digital channel 2**, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. This is now shown LIVE on Sundays and shown a day later on Mondays.
- ✚ **WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET** – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our church web page at www.spuccsm.com or on YouTube.
- ✚ **EMERGENCY AED** – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard in the Sanctuary.
- ✚ **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** - On the registers at the North and South entrances you will see a tray where you can place your bulletin to be recycled (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

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| Today | 9:15 am | Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 am | Worship with Association Minister, Daniel Busch |
| | 11:30 am | Carry-In Luncheon celebrating Rev. Jeanette Tangeman |
| Mon. | 1:00 pm | Rebecca Circle |
| Tues. | 1:00 pm | Numbers of Hope Bible Study – Church Chapel |
| Wed. | 9:00 am | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| | 9:00 am | Quilting |
| Thurs. | 1:30 pm | Heal Group |
| | 4:30-5:15 pm | Breaking Bread Community Meal |
| Next Sun. | 9:15 am | Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 am | Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer |
| | 11:30 am | Organ Refurbishing Committee Meeting |

Philippians 4:1-9

New Revised Standard Version Updated

Edition

4 ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,^[a] help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice^[b] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[c] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[d] these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14

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The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”