

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

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES

WELCOME

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Edward Broughton

PALM SUNDAY ENTRY "Give Me Joy in My Heart" (Sing Hosanna)

Sunday School Children

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast,

People: but he was a threat to people with power.

Leader: Jesus stood against the Temple,

People: so he was a threat to the Sadducees.

Leader: Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

People: so he was a threat to the Pharisees.

Leader: Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King,"

People: those were the Caesar's titles. He was a threat to the government.

Leader: Jesus came without violence

People: yet he disturbed the peace.

Leader: Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God,

People: and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

Leader: Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms of this world.

***UNISON PRAYER**

O Christ, you entered the city as a poor man not in style but simply, yet still you caused uproar, with questions everywhere. You drew the expectations of a hungry crowd and brought buried conflicts to light. May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval, who often avoid conflict for fear of its cost to us, hold fast to the gospel of peace, justice, remain faithful in your way of compassion and solidarity with those who are poor and excluded, wherever it may lead us. Hear us now as we continue to pray, Our Father....

*** HYMN # 267** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PALM SUNDAY PROGRAM

Nursery to 8th Grade Youth

Songs: Shout Hosanna, Crown Him Medley, Because He Lives

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Offer God's peace to those nearby)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD "Your Love Is Amazing"

Brown and Doerksen

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

***HYMN #159**

"The King of Glory Comes"

SERMON

"Untie Your Colt"

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

*** HYMN #176**

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman **Audio and Video:** Rich Spencer
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss **Multi-Media:** Jim Huckemeyer
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Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser **Pianist:** Cynthia Hanover
Confirmation: Amy Keller **Pianist:** Kathlene Larson
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrllich **Organist:** Ann Vogel
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation **Organist:** Andrea Spencer

Liturgist: Glen Hadley

Acolytes: Confirmands

Our Giving to God, March 17, 2024
Current - \$ 2,214.00 / Mission - \$ 155.00
Attendance – 78

Palms decorating the altar are to the glory of God!

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.

We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2024 Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet** are located in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

WE ARE PEOPLE OF RESURRECTION. We are on a journey to Easter. Our lives may be broken and shattered, but we are granted restoration and resurrection. We can rebuild our estranged relationships by forgiving, initiating calls, sending a card of caring to the ill and to our Legacy members, and visiting the senior living communities here in St. Marys. Let's continue our journey together. Easter is coming!

LENT IN THE CHAPEL

Once again throughout Lent, the Chapel (adjacent to the sanctuary) is open every day with Lenten devotional and prayer materials are available for your use while sitting in the chapel or to take home to read there. Everyone is invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment or longer to rest, to pray, to listen.

WITH YOUR TREMENDOUS RESPONSE, we have been able to donate 623 rolls of toilet paper to Agape since January! Please continue with your generosity as it is much needed and appreciated. Rolls can be left in the Hospitality Room or given to Janet Gibson or Terri Kerns.

The **ULTIMATE EASTER BAKE SALE** is back for another year – bigger and better than ever!! The best bake sale in northwestern Ohio is back – March 28 b at 11:00 am and all day March 29 at Minster Bank here in St Marys. If you have questions, please contact Sara Seewer or Lynda Hadley. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Deadline for the College Scholarship applications is April 1, 2024, at 3 p.m. Please drop them off in the church office.

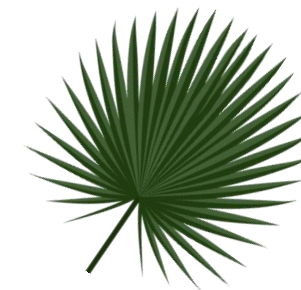
ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

*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

- Keep in your prayers those who are at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS, this week.
- Please keep the following in your prayers: *Tim Hirschfeld, who is recuperating at home, Sharon Sullivan, John Long, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner, Leonard Kill (father of Larry Kill) .*
- Keep also in your prayers Ethan Elshoff, nephew of Sarah & Greg Walter, who is experiencing some health issues.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and the caregivers who provide care for 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.

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



So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!"

John 12:13

Palm Sunday

J O B B S Y R P L N E E C A E F L I E K H A W H
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glory	worship	save	celebrate
passover	Enter	sunday	palms
leaves	nameoftheLord	comes	blessed
praise	riding	colt	Messiah
Christ	Savior	Jerusalem	Jesus
Hosanna			

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

- ✦ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – Currently, while our nursery is not staffed during worship, parents are welcome to use the nursery and remain with their child. 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 Hospitality 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

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
		Children's Parade of Palms
Monday		<u>Church Office closed</u>
Tuesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilters
Thursday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
Friday		<u>Church Office closed</u>
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Next Sun.	7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
	7:45 am	Easter Breakfast by the Youth Group
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer with Holy Communion

Psalm 118

A Song of Victory

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.^[a]
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.^[a]

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.