

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

<b>April 16, 2023</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Order of Service</b>		

*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

**PRELUDE** "Surrender" arr. Mark Hayes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When doors were shut, and the world was kept out,

**People:** resurrection found the disciples.

Leader: When the church gathers, and the world waits outside,

**People: resurrection finds us.**

Leader: When fear grew, and new questions were found,

**People:** resurrection found the disciples.

Leader: When faith leads us to new questions about life,

**People: resurrection finds us.**

Leader: When suffering remained, and the city was hostile,

**People:** resurrection found the disciples.

Leader: When Christ gathers with his followers in living worship,

**People: resurrection finds us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**\*HYMN #94**                      “Shout to the Lord”

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements	Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests	

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

**\*HYMN #118**                      “Lord of the Dance”

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD \*DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Lloyd Larson

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:19-31

**SERMON** "No Longer Strangers" David Hainer

## WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

**\*HYMN# 352** "Spirit Song"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                      arr. Joel Raney

**\*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spirit .....Depart to serve**



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Ann Vogel, Organist  
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Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant  
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and  
Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators  
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher  
Andrea Spencer, Organist  
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director  
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian  
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Liturgist .....Fred Scheer  
Acolytes .....Middle School Youth  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, April 9, 2023*  
*Current - \$3896.29 / Mission - \$80.00*  
*Attendance – 7a = 48*  
*10:30a = 81*

*Altar flowers and flowers on the window sills (all potted) are from Brad and Nam Gehrlich wishing Brad's mother, Lee Burger, a Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. With the Lord's help, may she have many more birthdays.*

*A note from Brad and Nam: Please feel free to take one of the potted plants on the window sills/altar home with you.*



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
April 16, 2023

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



### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Take note that there are colored notecards in the pews. Please take a minute before church to answer the monthly "Stewardship Reflecting Question" that will be printed in the bulletin. Please write your response on your notecard and drop it in the offering plate! You can include your name on your response, or you can remain anonymous. Responses will be compiled and shared on the screens before church services.

**APRIL QUESTION: How do you feel you've been a good steward of God's blessings? What are some ways to be better stewards of these gifts?**

### ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS/CAMPERS

Please inform Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel if you are going to church camp by **May 1st**, so that the church has time to submit funds towards your camp fees. Please email us, or text/call us. Email: jnjl2021@gmail.com or cell numbers: Joni Leffel 419-305-5610, Jane Nuss 419-305-9629. It is easier for us if you email, call or text us instead of leaving a message for us at the church office. There will also be a sign up list in the gathering room.

### LADIES TAKE NOTE

Due to a lack of interest, the Women's Retreat scheduled in June, has been canceled.

**You are invited** to the Caregiving from the Heart Support Group held here at St. Paul's. **The group meets on the first Monday of each month at 7p in the church Library.** This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one's home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. It will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman (or Ruth Knous in Jeanette's absence) and will be a gathering to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Any questions, please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-953-6274.

**Agape Ministries is in need of volunteers!** If you are interested, contact Kris Rasneor, Program Manager at Agape Ministries, 419-394-8700.

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### ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S

There will be a Ladies Luncheon at JT's on Thursday, May 4th at 11:30 a.m. All of the ladies of the church are welcome. Please **RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by Noon on the Monday before the luncheon.**

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

**WELCOME!** Here at St. Paul's, we strive 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: Pastor Rhonda's sister Patti Lang who is hospitalized in Amsterdam, Tony McDonald, Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Shirley Harold, and John Long. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
  - 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](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com), or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
- 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.

**AUGLAIZE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL KICKOFF**

**COME AND HELP CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORY OF ST. MARYS**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023, from 5-7:30pm**  
**Fellowship Hall here at St. Paul's**  
**There will be a slideshow presentation.**  
**Appetizers will be served.**

Local historian Lynne Paulus Ray will present a slideshow of St. Marys, and the surrounding area with pictures and postcards.

Please invite family and friends. If you have any questions, contact Amy Keller

- 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](http://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		
Today	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with David C. Hainer
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
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
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	5:00-7:30 pm	Family Room Event – Bicentennial Kickoff

Pastor Rhonda will be out of the office from Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Jeanette Tangeman will be available for pastoral care.



# John 20:19-31

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

## Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## Jesus and Thomas

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## The Purpose of This Book

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue<sup>[a]</sup> to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.