

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

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

## CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

<b>PRELUDE</b>	“Bless the Lord”	Marianne Kim
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Leader: Come and see: signs of the risen Christ are all around us!  
**People: We come to worship God.**  
 Leader: Come and know: the presence of the risen Christ in this community!  
**People: We come to worship God.**  
 Leader: Come and believe: the risen Christ is with us now and always.  
**People: We come to worship God.**

**We have heard the call, loving God, to come into your presence. We have heard the challenge to be baptized in the name of Christ and receive new life. We have heard the invitation to turn away from a society focused on greed and self-centeredness, and to turn our lives toward loving and serving one another. Guide us and lead us, we pray. Amen.**

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

**\*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)

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**   **\*DOXOLOGY**   **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
*"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*   Anna Laura Page

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** John 10:11-18

**Comment [CG1]:**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 1 John 3:16-24

**SERMON** "A Laying Down Life Kind of Love " Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

**\*HYMN #458** "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"

**\*BENEDICTION**

## \*POSTLUDE

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

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Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
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	

Liturgist .....Lynda Hadley  
 Acolytes .....Middle School Youth  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, April 23, 2023*  
*Current - \$2185.00 / Mission - \$100.00*  
*Attendance – 116*

*Altar flowers today are from Jane Nuss wishing  
 her husband Bill, a Happy Anniversary*



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
 April 30, 2023



UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Please note the colored notecards in the pews. 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! Either include your name on the card, 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?**

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**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: [jnj12021@gmail.com](mailto:jnj12021@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 signup list in the gathering room.

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**LADIES TAKE NOTE**

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

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**Everyone is invited** to the “Caregiving from the Heart Support Group” held at St. Paul’s. **Which meets on the first Monday each month at 7p in the church Chapel.** 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. The session will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman (or Ruth Knous in Jeanette’s absence). The purpose of the gathering is to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-953-6274 if any questions.

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**Agape Ministries is in need of volunteers!** Contact Kris Rasneor at Agape Ministries, 419-394-8700 if interested.

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**ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. PAUL’S**

The Ladies Luncheon will be 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.**

**John**

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BORN AGAIN	FISHES	JEWS	PIERCED
CHRIST	FLESH	JOHN	RABBI
COME UNTO ME	FRUIT	JORDAN	RAISE
CROSS	GALILEE	JUDGMENT	SEA
CRUCIFY	GARDEN	KNEW HIM NOT	SICK
DEEDS	GOLGOTHA	LAMB OF GOD	SIN
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DOVE	HEAL	LIFE	TRUTH

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**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: Tony McDonald, Cheryl Kline, Kris Vanderhorst, Shirley Harold, and John Long. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
  - Please keep Margaret Hunter and her family in your prayers. Margaret's brother passed away recently.
  - 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.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Vacation Bible School is three evenings this year and will be held on May 30, May 31, and June 1 from 6p-8p. Nursery through 6th Grade. Singing, games, crafts, daily lessons on How You Can Let Your Light "Shine". Any questions, see Amy Keller. **Registration forms will be sent home with your child, and are also included in the May Communicator.**

**VBS Mission for the kids and congregation members:** Microwavable Mac-n-Cheese cups. These can be dropped off in the Hospitality Room (fka Elevette Room).

**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 Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	7:00 pm	Caregiver Meeting
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Personnel
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer



May 2nd – Vancrest 6:15-7:15p

**We are in need of BINGO helpers and cookies:** Please call Janice Katterheinrich at (419) 394-3264 to let her know if you can help in any way.

John 10:11-18

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes<sup>[a]</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

1 John 3:16-24

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<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his

commandments and do what pleases him.<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.