

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

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday after Easter

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**

**PRELUDE**

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Roger House

**\* OPENING PRAYER** (inspired by John 20:19-31)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, on the second Sunday of Easter, the light of your love shines on! Your light has come into the world, and neither darkness, nor evil, nor even death itself could overcome it.

**PEOPLE:** **And we (like Mary, like the disciples, like "doubting" Thomas) who have been there with you through Holy Week and the first Easter Morning have been made witnesses to the resurrection story: wondering, bewildered, hoping, rejoicing.... and sometimes doubting.**

Leader: It is not always easy to believe with our minds and trust with our hearts.

**ALL:** **Loving Christ, open the eyes of our faith that we may behold the work of your redemption. Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord: your resurrection glory, your light everlasting. May this time of worship, reflection and celebration be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Together we pray as you taught your disciples to pray: *Our Father.....***

**\* HYMN # 295** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements  
Joys and Concerns

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

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**\* HYMN # 294** "Christ Arose"

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

"He Is Lord"

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Minuet In Trio"

Lincoln James , Alto Sax

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 John 1:1-4, 2:3-5

**SERMON**

"Show Me"

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**\* HYMN #312** "Christ is Alive"

**\* BENEDICTION**

**PEOPLE: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,**

*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Dick Bolks

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

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| <b>Back Bay Missionary:</b> Rev. Jeanette Tangeman   | <b>Audio and Video:</b> Rich Spencer             |
| <b>Children's Ministry:</b> Jane Nuss                | <b>Multi-Media:</b> Jim Huckemeyer               |
| <b>Children's Music:</b> Maddy Frankenhauser         | <b>Pianist/Music Coordinator:</b> Becky Anderson |
| <b>Youth Director:</b> Nick Frankenhauser            | <b>Pianist:</b> Cynthia Hanover                  |
| <b>Confirmation:</b> Amy Keller                      | <b>Pianist:</b> Kathlene Larson                  |
| <b>Custodians:</b> Brad and Nam Gehrlch              | <b>Organist:</b> Ann Vogel                       |
| <b>Missionaries:</b> All Members of our Congregation | <b>Organist:</b> Andrea Spencer                  |

**Liturgist:** Marsha Heckler  
**Acolytes:** Confirmands

***Our Giving to God, April 7, 2024***  
**Current - \$8,658.00 / Mission - \$880.00**  
**Attendance –Total 171    Sunrise 77, 10:30 94**

*Altar flowers are given by Sue Schumacker*

#### **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  
April 7, 2024

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



THE  
**WORD SEARCH BATTLE**

**Bible**

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| JAMES     | LUKE  | ROMANS  |         |

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](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**

**Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed**

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| Sunday    | 9:15 am          | Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum |
|           | 10:30 am         | Morning Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer    |
|           | 5:00 pm          | Family Room Event, Fellowship Hall         |
| Monday    |                  | <b><u>Church Office closed</u></b>         |
| Tuesday   | 9 am-noon/1-3 pm | Church Office Hours                        |
|           | 6:00 pm          | Consistory                                 |
| Wednesday | 9 am-noon/1-3 pm | Church Office Hours                        |
|           | 9:00 am          | Quilters                                   |
| Thursday  | 9 am-noon/1-3 pm | Church Office Hours                        |
|           | 4:30-5:15 pm     | Breaking Bread                             |
| Friday    |                  | <b><u>Church Office closed</u></b>         |
| Next Sun  | 9:15 am          | Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum |
|           | 10:30 am         | Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer            |