

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

April 2, 2023                      Sixth Sunday in Lent                      10:30 a.m.  
Palm Sunday \* 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  
EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES  
PRELUDE

Sr. High Youth  
Nolan Frankenhauser, Baritone solo

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      Sophie James  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!  
Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!  
Leader: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;  
People: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.  
Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!  
People: Hosanna in the Highest! God’s steadfast love endures forever.

\*PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY (In Unison)                      Sophie James  
Gathering for worship today, we are like the crowd that lined the streets, witnessing your entry into Jerusalem. Some of us gather here, full of enthusiasm, wearied by what life has thrown at us. Some of us come out of curiosity, some of us out of habit. Some of us gather with great expectation, with no particular hopes.  
It is here, O God, that you meet us and greet us, if we will allow it. It is here that you surprise us with your love and your grace. So, this morning, open our heavy eyes and tired minds, and speak into our closed hearts. Even when we cannot name it ourselves, you know what troubles us. You know our need for your forgiveness, a forgiveness that comes freely and abundantly. So, with cleansed hearts and open minds, we join in the cry Hosanna!  
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

\*HYMN #270                      "O How He Loves You and Me"  
  
CELEBRATING COMMUNITY                      Ray Walter  
Announcements                      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests                      Birthdays

\*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. It can be a handshake, fist bump, a wave, or whatever you are comfortable with.)  
(Those of you who are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card that you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate - Thank you!)

SPECIAL MUSIC                      "Country Gardens" Marimba Solo                      Ryen Chisholm and Vince Walter

WE OPEN UP TO GOD  
LENTEN PRAYER IN SONG                      "Create in Me a Clean Heart"  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)                      Brian Speckman  
OFFERTORY INVITATION, \*DOXOLOGY, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
"Peacherine Rag" Piano Solo                      Reece Long  
Offering collected by the Sr. High Youth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Lord, we have brought You our gifts of money. But we have received a sign of a much more valuable gift . . . the gift of the life of Jesus for us all. May our gifts and lives be used so that others may come to know of Your great love shown to us through Him. Amen.

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

GOD SPEAKS TO US  
SCRIPTURE LESSON    John 12:12-19                      (video)

PALM SUNDAY PROGRAM                      Nursery to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth  
Songs: Shout Hosanna, Crown Him Medley, Because He Lives

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT  
\*BENEDICTION                      Tyler Birt  
Leader: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,  
People: we come to Christ this holy week.  
Leader: Today is only a part of the story.  
People: Jesus’ triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.  
Leader: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ’s love.

## WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

## \*POSTLUDE

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Reece Long

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

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<b>Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist</b>	<b>Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher</b>
<b>Ann Vogel, Organist</b>	<b>Andrea Spencer, Organist</b>
<b>Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director</b>	<b>Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director</b>
<b>Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian</b>
<b>Rich Spencer, Audio and Video</b>	<b>Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor</b>
<b>Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music</b>	<b>Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary</b>

**Liturgist .....Sr. High Youth**  
**Acolytes .....Middle School Youth**  
**Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation**

***Our Giving to God, March 26, 2023***  
***Current - \$8716.50 / Mission - \$30.00***  
***Attendance – 97***

*The altar flowers today are given by Sue Schumacher in loving memory of her mother, Mary Poppe, in observance of her birthday.*

*Additional altar flowers today are in memory of Garnet Katterheinrich from her children, Janice Katterheinrich, Diane Wagner, and Steve Katterheinrich*

***During the season of Lent, the old Library has been converted into a Chapel, where different prayer stations will be set up each week.***

**TAKE NOTE: The youth will again be hosting the Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service. If you are able to donate pastries/muffins, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance.**

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.

March Question: What are 3 examples of being a good steward for your church by using your time, talents and treasures?

The **ULTIMATE EASTER BAKE SALE** is back – bigger and better than ever!! The best bake sale in northwestern Ohio is back – April 6th in the afternoon and all day on the 7th at Minster Bank here in St Marys. We are hoping that all of you will dust off your recipes and help us make this a success again with your awesome creations. This has become quite an event in St Marys with the best in “Church lady” baking for miles around. As in the past, the money raised will be donated to Tailgate for Cancer of St Marys. We’ve become pretty famous for our awesome Easter themed creations – from Jell-o eggs to homemade pies to cut-out cookies. It sure is great to be back, and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

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.



- April 6 - Maundy Thursday Worship with communion7:00 p.m.
- April 7 - Good Friday Worship of Shadows and Stones 7:00 p.m.
- April 9 - Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
- Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.
- Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Palm Sunday

R H M V X I K M F J T Y J E D Q P Q A F S I V F  
G C P R B L C P H A R I S E E S B A X K N L Z H  
X D H H B I U W B J K Q I U N B S M I K E Q Y I  
L U J L O P G D I S C I P L E S P D B O R Q O Y  
X A V N N S P Y Q J H V S H Y R X S D F D X F Y  
A B L D U O V A P E V I Y H A N K H V A L L A Q  
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J C L L Z E B L E S S E D I S H E B Y A R A S V  
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Q N E U Z A I T W L L D I V A D F O N O S V E Z  
B P N W S T J K R R H M P E T H F G W B G U U L  
K E H Y A A O U E X C L G S E N O T S F J D X K  
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V C C J V N R E G P A R A D E Z I T R U I G J Q  
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S R J H E I T N U E X N A M E O F T H E L O R D  
M T L O C T S G E I E L P O E P J W U O C J W C

Bethany	Blessed is he	Children	Colt
Disciples	Glory	Hosanna	Jerusalem
Jesus	King	Lips of children	Master
Mount of Olives	Name of the Lord	Palm branches	Parade
Passover	People	Pharisees	Praise
Prophecy	Riding	Road	Son of David
Stones	Sunday	Temple	Untie
Village	Waving		

**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, Connie Gibson, Sharon Sullivan, Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Diana Prichard, 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.

**WE NEED LITURGISTS!** Sign up are by sheets by the sound board.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. PAUL’S**  
There will be a Ladies Luncheon at JT’s on Thursday, April 6th 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.**

- 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!

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S</u></b>		
Today	9:15 am	Sunday School
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	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer – Palm Sunday
Mon.	7:00 pm	Caregiver Meeting
Tues.	5:30-6:30 pm	Bingo at Otterbein
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon at JT’s
	12:00 pm	Bake Sale at Minster Bank
	6:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri.	9:00 – 5:00 pm	Bake Sale at Minster Bank
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	7:00 am	Sunrise Service with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	7:45 am	Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer – Easter Sunday