

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

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

Order of Service

Welcome to our Worship Service today.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. "He is risen! As the sun breaks the horizon, so does the light of Christ break through the darkness, bringing hope, life, and resurrection power. Let us worship the risen King!"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Morning" from 'Peer Gynt' – Edvard Krieg

***HYMN# 358**

"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: You are our Lord; apart from you, we have no good thing.

Leader: The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; you hold our future.

People: We trust in you, O God, for you guide us on the path of life.

Leader: Even in the night, our hearts are instructed; we keep the Lord always before us.

People: Because you are at our right hand, we shall not be shaken.

Leader: Therefore our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice.

People: You show us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy. Let us worship the God who holds us, guides us, and fills us with joy!

***UNISON PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, for by your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have claimed us for an inheritance that will never fade, and you hold us even in times of trial. Strengthen our faith when life feels uncertain, and remind us that you are always at work within us. Though we do not see you, we love you; though we do not see clearly, we trust you. Fill us with a deep and abiding joy, and shape our lives by your grace. Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Anniversaries

*** 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 #344**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Fantasia On Old Hundredth" - Gordon Young

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 20:19-31

SERMON

"You Are Loved"

Pastor Ed Karges

***HYMN #270**

"Oh How He Loves You and Me" 2X

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19" - Charles Callahan

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

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Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson

Organist: Andrea Spencer

Confirmation: Amy Keller

Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser

Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser

Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson

Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer

Multi-Media: Derick Johnson

Organist: Ann Vogel

Organist: Darryl Smith

Pianist: Kathlene Larson

Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss

Church Historian: Fred Scheer

Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Ruth Knous

Our Giving to God, April 5, 2026

Current - \$ 6,083 / Missions - \$ 430

(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 71 / 117

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Brad and Nam Gehrlich

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

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Lucas Knatz, JoAnn Bambauer, Robert Wehner, Linda Hunter, and Ann Langenkamp,
- Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way throughout the world at this time,
- The family of LaDonna Jean Kogge, who passed away March 28th,
- All those who have health issues, but prefer to remain anonymous at this time; may they find comfort in knowing they are in our thoughts & prayers,
- All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,
- All those illnesses which cannot be seen.

All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: Lschmidt@bright.net, or you can call or text her: 419-305-6164.

If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails / updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: Lschmidt@bright.net or text 419-305-6164.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

All St. Paul's members: Be sure and join us for the Congregation Meeting immediately following the Worship Service this morning. We will be voting on the Search Committee's recommendation to call Pastor Ed to be our settled pastor. There will be a reception with Punch, Cookies and Coffee after the meeting in the Hospitality Room.

The HEAL Group meets this Thursday, April 16th at 1:30 pm in the Chapel.

Information about Church Camp is available in the Chapel and the Hospitality Room, and also in the church office.

A big THANK YOU to all those who have generously donated money and rolls of toilet paper for AGAPE! Our total so far this year is 380 rolls. This is much appreciated. Keep it Rolling! – Terri Kerns

The May Ladies Luncheon will be on Thursday, May 7th, 11:30am at Do Good Restaurant in Osgood. We will need an accurate headcount ahead of time, so please notify Jane Nuss by May 3rd if you plan to attend.

We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2026 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: Don't forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading [Vanco Payment Solutions](#) onto your mobile device. Go 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 take you to the Vanco site.

Spring is Here

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clover	purple	daffodil	games	planting
strawberry	picnic	baby	lion	lamb
chicks	grow	drip	boots	puddles
thunder	storm	rain	garden	green
prune	grass	nest	birds	butterfly
hunt	lilac	tulip	egg	Easter

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE – We have a Nursery available for those that need it. Children in 1st Grade and older should remain in the church.

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**, on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (1 week delay), and again on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our web page at www.spuccsm.com or on YouTube.

EMERGENCY AED – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Thursday	9:00 am 9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Quilting Church Office Hours H.E.A.L. Breaking Bread Spiritual Gifts Class
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.

04.12.26 Scripture

JOHN 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.”

²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ 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

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