

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

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

**Order of Service**

*Welcome to our Worship Service today.  
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "At The Cross" arr. M. McDonald

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People: Because God has inclined His ear to us, we will call on Him as long as we live.**

Leader: In our distress, we cried out to the Lord:

**People: "O Lord, we pray, save us!"**

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all His goodness to us?

**People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: We will fulfill our vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

**People: We come with thanksgiving; we come with praise!**

Leader: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of His people.

**People: We will worship the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

**Holy and gracious God, we come before You with humble and reverent hearts. You have redeemed us, not with things that fade, but with the precious gift of Jesus Christ. Cleanse us by Your truth and make us new.**

**Teach us to love one another deeply and sincerely, with hearts shaped by Your grace. Remind us that we are born anew through Your living and enduring Word. Guide our lives today, so that all we do reflects Your love. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father ....**

**\*HYMN #148 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors

**\*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 #123 "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**"I Will Rise And Go To Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**SERMON**

**"You Are Not Alone"**

**Pastor Ed Karges**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #131 "Surely the Presence"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**"By Our Love" arr. M. McDonald**

\*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 Gehrllich

*Liturgist: Lynda Hadley*  
*Our Giving to God, April 12, 2026*  
*Current - \$ 8,908 / Missions - \$ 123*  
*(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)*

*Attendance – 113*  
*Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund*

Altar Flowers are given today by Norman & Lois Howell in honor  
of their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding anniversary

#### 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 19, 2026

"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: Grace Young, Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Lucas Knatz, JoAnn Bambauer, Linda Hunter, and Ann Langenkamp,
- Jill Lovelace, who is recovering from Cervical Neck Surgery,
- Carolyn Schuller, who is residing at Rose Lawn Manor in Spencerville,
- Lynn Schmidt, who had Cataract surgery this week,
- Pastor Ed Karges, who has graciously accepted the position of settled pastor here at St. Paul's UCC,
- Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way throughout the world at this time,
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net) or text 419-305-6164.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

At this time we have NO Liturgists scheduled after today.

*Pastor Ed will be out of the office tomorrow and Tuesday, but can be reached on his cell in the event of a pastoral emergency.*

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

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

**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. If you wish to give to Breaking Bread on Vanco, we have created a QR code that will take you directly to that location on the Vanco site.

Breaking Bread Community Meal



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beautiful children favorite because friend  
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**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](http://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 1:00 pm	Church Office Hours Rebecca Circle
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Hours 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.**

## **04.19.26 Scripture**

### **MATTHEW 28:16-20**

#### **The Commissioning of the Disciples**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”