

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

April 21, 2024

Fourth 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

"With Peace in My Soul"

David Paxton

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of the call of God in our individual lives.

*** HYMN #447**

"Because He Lives"

UNISON PRAYER: (adapted from Psalm 23, John 10).

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Hear us now as we pray together, Our Father.....Amen.

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 # 458**

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

"Intermezzo"

Pietro Mascagi

*** DOXOLOGY**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 4:5-13

SERMON

Bold Sheep

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

*** HYMN #440**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*** Benediction**

Pastor: Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action. Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us. And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

People: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Recessional"

Humphrey Turner

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

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Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Audio and Video: Rich Spencer

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer

Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson

Pianist: Cynthia Hanover

Pianist: Kathlene Larson

Organist: Ann Vogel

Organist: Andrea Spencer

Liturgist: Lynda Hadley

Acolytes: Confirmands

Our Giving to God, April 14, 2024

Current - \$2,408.00 / Mission - \$80.00

Attendance - Total 96

Altar flowers are given by Tony and Linda McDonald

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



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep the following in your prayers: *Tim Hirschfeld, Sharon Sullivan, Joan Smith, John Long, Evelyn Horner, Laura Lee (Brodbeck) Burger and Ron Hunter.*
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and the caregivers who provide care for them.
- All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.

Have you checked out our church website? www.stpaulsuccsm.com

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Blessing of the Garden Soils Sunday, April 28th

April is Earth Month, and for our congregation, it can be a great time to further discern how to best answer our first calling as Christians: the caretaking of God's creation. On Sunday, April 28 we are going to do something new. In Celebration of Earth Month we will participate in a "blessing of the garden soils."

Everyone is invited to bring a cup or other similar container of your garden soil to worship with you. (I'm actually hoping a few worms hitch a ride too!) During our prayer time that Sunday we will share in this special service of blessing. We will ask for God's blessing upon our vegetable and flower gardens. At the same time, we will ask God to give us eyes to see and hearts to feel so that we might share our bounty with those in need. Plan now to come to worship on April 28th.

We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2024 Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet** are located in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

LEGACY MEMBERS VISITATION. We invite you to join our team of "Visitation Minsters" to make phone calls, send caring cards and thinking of you cards and visiting the senior living communities here in St. Marys.

Please call the church office to volunteer.

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

1 Peter 5:7

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

*Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading VancoPayment 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!*

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Agriculture Word Search



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| AGRIBUSINESS | HYDROPONIC | LIVESTOCK |
| CONSERVATION | CASH CROP | PESTICIDE |
| GROUNDWATER | CULTIVATE | POLLINATE |
| MONOCULTURE | ECOSYSTEM | HARVEST |
| FERTILIZER | HERBICIDE | ROTATION |



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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 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

Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Morning Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Monday		Church Office closed
Tuesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilters
Thursday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm 4:30-5:15 pm	Church Office Hours Breaking Bread
Friday		Church Office closed
Next Sun	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer