

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

April 14, 2024

Third 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**

"Here I Am to Worship"

Lyndell Leatherman

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us gather now in the awareness of God's loving presence.

**People: Each time we gather we remember once again how God's love has made of us a church, a community where we worship, love and serve together.**

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

**People: Tune our hearts and ears so that we feel and hear more clearly His call to love and support each other, to love our neighbors and to carry that with us beyond these walls.**

**ALL: May our worship of praise, words, songs and prayers fill us with a renewed love, thanksgiving and desire to live with confidence as the Children of God.**

**\* HYMN #273** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

**UNISON PRAYER: (adapted from Psalm 86).**

**In the day of our trouble we will call to you, for you will answer us. When we have done what is wrong and displeasing in your sight, O Lord, extend your love to correct us. When we ignore those in need and pretend that all is right with the world, O Lord,**

**help us to face the truth. When we turn a blind eye to those who have been stricken with poverty and are facing the injustices that come along, with it, O Lord, teach us your way. Enable us to extend your love and give us an undivided heart, that we may fear your name. We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts and we will glorify your name forever. Amen.**

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements

April Anniversaries

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 # 595** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

"Day By Day"

Leslie Hullinger

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION** **May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Leslie Hullinger, Pianist

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25: 31-45 NIV

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

James 2:14-18

**SERMON**

Words From Our Hearts

presented by participants of Back Bay Mission Trip 2024

**\* HYMN #559**

"Here I Am Lord"

**\*Unison Benediction:** Like a rock, God is under our feet. Like a roof, God is over our heads. Like the horizon, God is beyond us. Like water in a pitcher, God is within us and in the pouring out of us. Like a pebble in the sea, we are in God. Let us go out and change our world as God has changed our lives. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

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

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**Back Bay Missionary:** Rev. Jeanette Tangeman **Audio and Video:** Rich Spencer  
**Children's Ministry:** Jane Nuss **Multi-Media:** Jim Huckemeyer  
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**Youth Director:** Nick Frankenhauser **Pianist:** Cynthia Hanover  
**Confirmation:** Amy Keller **Pianist:** Kathlene Larson  
**Custodians:** Brad and Nam Gehrlich **Organist:** Ann Vogel  
**Missionaries:** All Members of our Congregation **Organist:** Andrea Spencer

**Liturgist:** Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

**Acolytes:** Confirmands

**Our Giving to God, April 7, 2024**

**Current - \$9,002.00 / Mission - \$370.00**

**Attendance - 100**

**Altar flowers today are given by Brad and Nam Gehrlich in honor of Brad's mother, Laura Lee (Brodbeck) Burger 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 16th**



### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

April 14, 2024

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



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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.  
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**LEGACY MEMBERS VISITATION.** Our lives may be broken and shattered, but we are granted restoration and resurrection. We can rebuild our estranged relationships by forgiving, initiating calls, sending a card of caring to the ill and to our Legacy members, and visiting the senior living communities here in St. Marys. Let's continue our journey together.

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The **175th Anniversary Committee** will meet at 6 pm Wednesday, April 17 in Heritage Hall.

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The movie "ET" at the Grand Opera House will be shown at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Admission is free. This is being sponsored by the Sunday School department and the Women's Guild. "ET", produced by Steven Spielberg, is about a troubled child summoning the courage to help a friendly alien escape from earth and return to his home planet.

*"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."*

*-Colossians 4:2*

### 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 in your prayers: *Tim Hirschfeld, Sharon Sullivan, Joan Smith, John Long, Evelyn Horner, Ron Hunter and Laura Lee (Brodbeck) Burger.*
- 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](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com), or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.

Have you checked out our church website? [www.stpaulsuccsm.com](http://www.stpaulsuccsm.com)

**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.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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, ST. MARYS**  
**Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed**

Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Morning Worship with the Back Bay Team Grant Committee, Chapel
Monday	1:00 pm	<b><u>Church Office closed</u></b> Rebecca Circle
Tuesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilters, Sewing Room 175th Anniversary Committee Bells, Music Room
Thursday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm 1:30 pm 4:30 to 5:15 pm	Church Office Hours H.E.A.L., Chapel Breaking Bread
Friday		<b><u>Church Office closed</u></b>
Saturday	2:00 & 7:00 pm	The movie "ET", Grand Opera House
Next Sun	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**Word Search**



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| GROUNDS     | MUMS        | MUSEUM   | OLD       |
| POINSETTIAS | ROSES       | SWAMPS   | TOPIARIES |
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| WATERFOWLS  |             |          |           |