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

May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m.

Mother's Day - 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 (St. Paul's strives 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 new today, please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)

PRELUDE "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The spirit of God calls us from many places, some of us come from busy homes with

many people, some of us live alone.

People: We are a part of the family.

Leader: This week has been different for each of us, some of us have had happy news we

want to celebrate, some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

People: We are members of God's family.

Leader: Yet we all come to this same place, all of us seeking God's presence in our lives, all

of us seeking God's presence with each other.

People: Together we become God's family.

All: Let us worship God together.

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God eternal and loving one, You gather us as your children. You comfort and hold us in your warm embrace. When we hurt, your arms enfold us. When we are afraid, your wings protect us. When we are hungry, you feed us with the bread of life.

Your love surrounds and supports us, in good times and in tough times, in the midst of joy and pain, always and everywhere. You will never leave nor abandon us. We thank you this day for being part of your family. In Jesus name. Amen

*HYMN #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

Introduction of Guests Anniversaries

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Offer God's peace to those nearby with whatever you are comfortable with)

*HYMN #35 "Morning Has Broken"

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"You Raise Me Up" Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SPECIAL MUSIC Brian Speckman

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 71

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

SERMON "Jesus Is The Door" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

*HYMN #607 "Happy the Home When God Is There"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Shower the People" arr. Carol Tornquist

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

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor

Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist

Ann Vogel, Organist

Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director

Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and

Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators

Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher

Andrea Spencer, Organist

Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director

Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian

Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

> Our Giving to God, May 7, 2023 Current - \$5,027.00/ Mission - \$345.00 Attendance – 90

The loose offering today is designated to the Hirschfeld Foundation Scholarship Fund

Next Sunday, May 21st, we have our special offering for Strengthen the Church – this offering is part of our 5 for 5 giving.

Information on Strengthen the Church is enclosed with your bulletin today.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Please note the colored notecards in the pews. 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! Either include your name on the card, or you can remain anonymous. Responses will be compiled and shared on the screens before church services.

May Question: What are two stewardship events or experiences that have impacted who you are today?

Everyone is invited to the "Caregiving from the Heart Support Group" held at St. Paul's, which meets on the first Monday each month at 7p in the church Chapel. This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one's home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. The session will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman (or Ruth Knous in Jeanette's absence). The purpose of the gathering is to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-953-6274 if any questions.

<u>Agape Ministries is in need of volunteers!</u> Contact Kris Rasneor at Agape Ministries, 419-394-8700 if interested.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School is three evenings this year and will be held on May 30, May 31, and June 1 from 6p-8p. Nursery through 6th Grade. Singing, games, crafts, daily lessons on How You Can Let Your Light "Shine". Any questions, see Amy Keller. Registration forms will be sent home with your child, and are also included in the May Communicator.

VBS Mission for the kids and congregation members:

Microwavable Mac-n-Cheese cups. These can be dropped off in the Hospitality Room (fka Elevette Room).

ATTENTION, LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S There will be a Ladies Luncheon on the *first Thursday of each month* at 11:30 a.m. All the ladies of the church are welcome. RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by Noon on MAY 30th. The next luncheon will be June 1, 2023, at Do Good Restaurant in Osgood. We may have a speaker that day, and we will be car-pooling.



WELCOME! St. Paul's strives 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: Tony McDonald, Cheryl Kline, Kris Vanderhorst, Shirley Harold, and John Long. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- Please keep Linda Hall in your prayers. Linda's mother, Eileen Chiles, passed away earlier this past week.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of them.
- Please keep the family of Carol & Kevin Gehres in your prayers as Carol's father,
 Raymon Rickner, enters hospice care.
- 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.
- 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.

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Golden Sunday: We will celebrate Golden Sunday this year on **June 11th**. Golden Sunday is a day when we recognize those who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage, are 80 years 'young' or older, and/or members of St. Paul's for 50 years or more. Following worship, there will be a luncheon for these groups and their **spouses/significant others/or your guest**. Please complete the RSVP form and send to or drop off at the church office, or place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. You may also call the office to let Carolyn know you are attending. **If this is your first year to be added, please contact Carolyn** so that she can be sure you are included.

RSVP FOR GOLDEN SUNDAY by JUNE 8th

____Yes, I/we will attend the worship and luncheon. _____ # attending

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 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

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School (Last day of Sunday School)
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	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	9:00 am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	1:30 pm	Heal Group
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:30 am	Senior Graduates and Grant Recipient Breakfast H. Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please note that starting <u>JUNE 4th</u>, we will begin our summer worship time of 10:00 a.m. We will return to our regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. on "Rally Day" Sunday, September 10th.