

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

May 21, 2023 **Seventh Sunday of 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.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Many voices are speaking to us today on social media, on the concert stages, on the television.

People: **Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, respond to Your desires, and follow Your highest path for us.**

Leader: Many voices are speaking to us today in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

All: **As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, do what pleases you, and stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us. Strengthen each of us to choose the high road, live up to the greatness you placed within us, and honor You in all our ways. Lord, we will listen for Your voice, Amen.**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Generous God, you gave us our voices, no two the same. As you did with Abraham and Sarah, you take and touch our lives so that they can become extraordinary. You

have gathered us in your Church, a community of common folk and complainers, prophets and puzzled people, calling and making a place for us. So let what we say and do here, ponder and decide here, be real for us and honest to you, Amen.

***HYMN #10** "Sing a New Song"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

***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)

GRADUATE-SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

Becky Anderson, Chairperson

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

GRADUATION LITANY *(See insert)*

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN #11** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Thornsberry

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-4

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 17:1-11

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

- *HYMN #427
- “You Are My All in All”
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE
- *Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spirit Depart to serve

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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 Gehrllich, Custodian

Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor

Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistDiane Gayer

AcolytesDeacons

Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, May 14, 2023

Current - \$3,052.00/ Mission - \$35.00

Attendance – 105

The loose offering last week to The Hirschfeld Foundation = \$109.00

Our special offering today is for Strengthen the Church.

This offering is part of our 5 for 5 giving.

Celebrating our High School Seniors 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.

Agape Ministries is in need of volunteers! 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.

Graduation Wordsearch

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Classmates
Invitations
Pledge of Allegiance
Faculty
Congratulations
Skippers
Valedictorian
Two Thousand Nineteen

Families
Celebration
Robes
Project Graduation
Ceremony
Mandeville High School
Diploma
Tassle

Pictures
Education
Ranking
Seniors
Applause
Academics
Commencement
Graduation

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: Ann Hudson, Tony McDonald, Cheryl Kline, Kris Vanderhorst, Shirley Harold, and John Long. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
 - Please keep the family of Carol & Kevin Gehres in your prayers as Carol's father, Raymon Rickner, enters hospice care.
 - Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of 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.
- 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.

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	9:30 am	Senior Graduates and Grant Recipient Breakfast H. Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer / Pentecost Sunday
Next Mon.		Memorial Day – Church is CLOSED

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please note that starting **JUNE 4th**, 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.

Genesis 12:1-4

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Call of Abram

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."^[a]

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

John 17:1-11

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people,^[a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is

eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.