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

<u>May 28, 2023</u> <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u>

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 "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" Anna Laura Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit is here among us

People: Within us, around us, between us.

Leader: The Spirit is here to strengthen us

People: Bringing courage, bringing conviction.

Leader: The Spirit is here to move us **People: Making us sing and praise.**

Leader: The Spirit is here.

People: May we feel the Spirit as we gather. May we be fed by her fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

Leader: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

People: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit as we go back out into our daily lives.

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Spirit God, we come into your presence with awe and wonder, praying that we would be touched with your power. In this time of worship, remind us of your constant presence, your gentle guidance, and your hope for the world. As we remember those of old who were moved into speech by the Spirit, so too may we find our voice to be prophetic witnesses in the world today. Remind us that we can all speak Spirit-language, that we too can burn with the fire of hope. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God, we aren't sure what to do with the prophetic voices in our world.

People: We laugh them off, deciding they are drunk or deranged.

Pastor: The power of the Spirit is unfamiliar and unnerving,

People: which is why we often prefer to avoid the wind and fire of Spirit-change.

...time of silent prayer...

Pastor: The Spirit blows into our lives as either a gentle breeze or a roaring wind. With the

wind comes forgiveness and empowerment, igniting the fire of hope and possibility

in our lives.

People: We are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

*HYMN #96 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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)

*HYMN #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Mark Hayes

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "This Church is On Fire" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION "Eat This Bread" {insert}

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

*HYMN #660 "I Sing Praises"

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now go forth Spirit-led and Spirit-touched, to be people of the Spirit. And as you go,

take courage and confidence in the knowledge that the Spirit of God moves in, around, and with us always. Spirit God is your strength and your sustenance.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*POSTLUDE "Battle Hymn of the Republic" William Steffe

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

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Ann Vogel, Organist Andrea Spencer, Organist

Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director

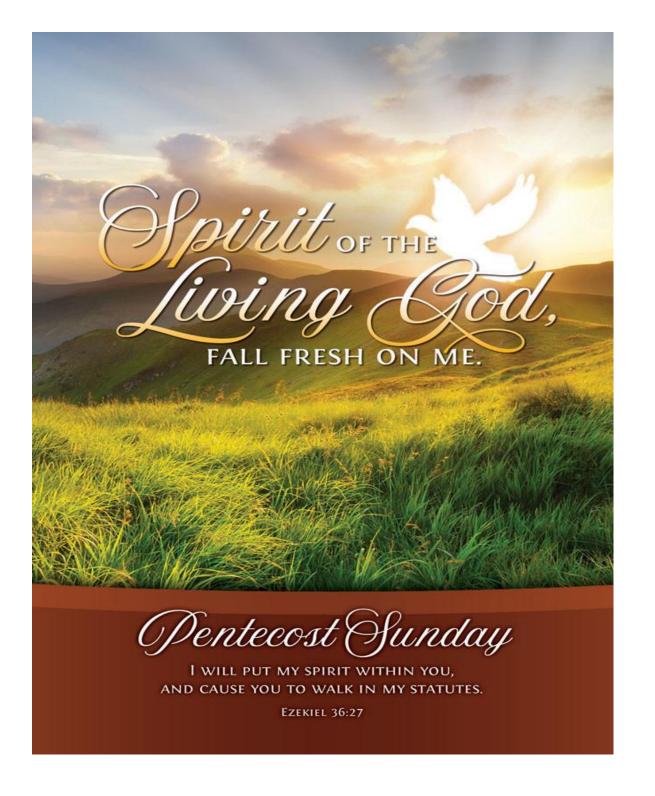
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

LiturgistDiane Gayer
AcolytesDeacons

Missionaries......Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, May 21, 2023 Current - \$2309.00/ Mission - \$170.00 Attendance –107 Strengthen the Church Offering: 244.00



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. 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, 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

<u>MEMBERS:</u> 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 carpooling.

Memorial Day WORD SEARCH **AMERICAN** BSSSOESHNSMHONORQCN ANTHEM CEMETERY CEREMONY COMMEMORATE DECORATION FALLEN FLAG5 **FLOWERS** FREEDOM GRAVE NWDKDZDXFAIAABG HALF MAST P V Y J Y C A M Y I X R X N T R H P J **HEROES** REMEMBRANCE **VETERANS** HOLIDAY SACRIFICE WAR HONOR SALUTE MAY SERVICE MEMORIAL **SOLDIERS OBSERVANCE** TAP5 PATRIOTIC @ 2015 puzzles-to-print.com

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.

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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: <u>cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com</u>, 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 Mon.	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer / Pentecost Sunday Church Closed for the Holiday
Tues.	6-8:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
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Thurs.	10:45 am	Meet at church parking lot to carpool to Ladies Luncheon
	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon at Do Good
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
	6-8:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
	6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer (Summer Worship Time starts)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE -NEXT SUNDAY

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.