

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

May 7, 2023 Fifth 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 “Sweeter as the Years Go By” Fred Bock

*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.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Inspired by Psalm 23)
Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, or adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (inspired by Psalm 23)
Leader: Even in the darkest valley, though death’s shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord’s hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN #30 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY
Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests Birthdays

*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 #111 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION
“Jesus Loves Me” (based on "Clair de Lune")

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SPECIAL MUSIC Kathlene Larson

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23
THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18

SERMON “The Abundant Life” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

*HYMN #706 “I Come with Joy”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve
**There will be after service communion following the worship service

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor	Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Ann Vogel, Organist	Andrea Spencer, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Brad and Nam Gehrich, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Liturgist	Marsha Landers
Acolytes	Middle School Youth
Missionaries.....	Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, April 30, 2023
Current - \$7598.00 / Mission - \$865.00
Attendance – 83

The loose offering today is designated to the Organ Refurbishing Fund.
Next Sunday, the loose offering is designated to the Hirschfeld Foundation
Scholarship Fund

*The altar flowers today are from Jeanette Tangeman honoring her late husband,
Terry, whose heavenly birthday is today.*

*Also today, special flowers are in honor of Bernie Schroer's 90th birthday, which is
today, May 7. Bernie has richly blessed his family and his church family over the years. God
has truly guided Bernie through his family and his faith journey, that we have all learned
something through him. Love, Marilyn; Yinger Family: Jan, John and Katie, Jenny and
Jason, Lexey, Brix and Daxby; Brian and Katey, Eleanor and Judah; Roth Family: Bob and
Joyce, Andrea and Jason, Brynn, Audra, Beckett and Adelyn, Alicia and Andy, Bo and Abram,
Brittany and Tom, Tripp and Merritt; Leffel Family: Joni and Greg, Luke and Kara. Happy
90th Birthday, Dad and Grandpa!*



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
May 7, 2023



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).

Psalm 23

S H A L L N O T W A N T H N Z I O N U G O T V O
Y L L E W D L L A H S E E P H O U S E Q T A Z Q
I O R F O L L O W M E E G E N E M Y K Q W B T H
T O N L L A H S R R R V R E V E R O F A L L B U
G K E C E E Z R I G H T E O U S N E S S A E X F
X C V N H T E D A E L E C O C H Y W H P N I F O
S E I M E N E F O E C N E S E R P H W H P F Q O
M M D G T H R O U G H T H E V A L L E Y L N V Z
N V Q F B W U E T Y W L R E S T O F M Y L I F E
P K E C E I R J L D R O L E H T F O E S U O H O
D F D C T T K O E V F A B D R E H P E P S H F R
B I W T T H Z Z D Q K B N U Y C P A T H S N H V
S A W S K O I R D A Z S R O R M Q E G B M A F Z
L H Y X E I F N T A N C E C I H C P U C H M A B
S L A D M L S H Q N V D M R L N O J W L T E R E
P Z A D S J O A Y C W I S U O H T K R O A S M F
E O J X O L U M K P F O D T O T O S E R E A E O
U J H K Z W L N S E W G D I A C S K V D D K O R
D O T A P C U A D E Y A Y E S F Y E O D K E O E
K B Y Z A L L E F C Z Z N N I K F P R H I V D Z
N U D L H M V I R Z B L I T L L B R U N N E T H
S E T S C Q L E M P J Y N A R P A S T U R E S S
D Z P Q H Y M T Q S F B W S Y A D E H T L L A N
H C W E M C Z O V W S S E N D O O G K O C U M C

HOUSE OF THE LORD	MY LIFE	ALL THE DAYS	WITH OIL	ANOINTS
PRESENCE OF ENEMIES	ROD AND STAFF	THROUGH THE VALLEY	DEATH	SHADOW
WALK	RESTORES	LIE DOWN	SHALL NOT WANT	DAVID
PSALM	FOREVER	BEFORE	CUP	ENEMY
FOLLOW ME	GOODNESS	GREEN	HOUSE	LEADETH
LORD	MERCY	NAME SAKE	OVER	PASTURES
PATHS	REST OF MY LIFE	RIGHTEOUSNESS	RUNNETH	SAKE
SETS	SHALL NOT	SHALL DWELL	SOUL	SPEPHERD
TABLE	WANT			

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.
- 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	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School (Last day of Sunday School)
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer – Mother's Day

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.



Psalm 23

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]
³ he restores my soul.^[b]
He leads me in right paths^[c]
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.^[g]

John 10:11-18

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."