

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

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

10:00am

**Order of Service**

*Welcome to our Worship Service today.  
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE-BELL CHOIR "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. F. Thomas Simpson**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**People: Your glory shines above the heavens; Your wonder surrounds all creation.**

Leader: When we look at the work of Your hands, the moon, the stars, and all You have made.

**People: We are humbled that You know us, love us, and call us Your own.**

Leader: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, You reveal Yourself in power, mercy, and love.

**People: We come to worship the Holy One who gives life, redeems the world, and remains with us always.**

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**People: Let us worship God with awe, gratitude, and praise!**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

Holy and gracious God, You call us to live in peace, to encourage one another, and to grow together in faith and love. In a world that is often divided and anxious, help us become people who reflect the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to be patient with one another, quick to forgive, and willing to carry each other's

burdens. Strengthen Your church so that we may be united in purpose, joyful in hope, and faithful in serving others. Fill our hearts with Your peace this day, and let our lives bear witness to Your presence among us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #148**

**"Come Thou Almighty King"**

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Visitors

**\*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 #499**

**"He Leadeth Me"**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**"Just As I Am" - Bradbury**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC - BELL CHOIR**

**"All Night, All Day" – Susan E. Geschke**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**SERMON**

**"Wherever You Go"**

**Pastor Ed Karges**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #664**

**"Thy Word"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**

**"Trumpet Tune" - Mouret**

\*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  
**Pianist/Music Coordinator:** Becky Anderson  
**Organist:** Andrea Spencer  
**Confirmation:** Amy Keller  
**Youth Director:** Nick Frankenhauser  
**Children's Music:** Maddy Frankenhauser  
**Administrative Assistant:** Steve Slawson  
**Missionaries:** All Members of our Congregation

**Multi-Media:** Jim Huckemeyer  
**Multi-Media:** Derick Johnson  
**Organist:** Ann Vogel  
**Organist:** Darryl Smith  
**Pianist:** Kathlene Larson  
**Children's Ministry:** Jane Nuss  
**Church Historian:** Fred Scheer  
**Custodians:** Brad and Nam Gehrlich

**Liturgist: Jane Laird**  
**Our Giving to God, May 24, 2026**  
**Current - \$ 4,160 / Missions - \$ 418**  
**(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)**  
**Attendance – 78**

**Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund**

**Altar Flowers are given today by Gary & Sara Sewer**

#### **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.



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

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
May 31, 2026

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



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

## **Communion Service**

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: We give you thanks, Holy One, Almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things.

We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people.

Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our only savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

In the fullness of time, you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death. We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church.

Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God most high.

**P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me,”

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

L: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

**P: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.**

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us. **Our Father, who art in...**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed**

Today	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Caregiving Support Group
	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	BINGO at Otterbein
	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
Thursday	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
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Friday	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon at the Deli-Barn
	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Kevin Gehres

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

Pastor Ed will be on Vacation from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Rev. David Hainer at (616) 706-4496.

Ladies Luncheon is this Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Deli-Barn at 11:30am. We need an accurate headcount, so please notify Jane Nuss by tomorrow if you plan to attend.

**VBS starts tomorrow!!** Monday-Thursday, from 9:30am–12:00pm. Lunch will be served each day at 11:30am. We will have 4 fun mornings of Interactive Activities, Crafts, Songs, Bible Stories, and Games. This is open to the community, ages 3yrs old (must be potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Questions? Please contact: VBS Director Amy Keller (419) 953-6997, Co-Director Jane Nuss (419) 305-9629 or the church office.

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – We have a Nursery available for those that need it. Children in 1st Grade and older should remain in the church.

**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**, on Sundays at 10:00am.

(1 week delay), and then again on Mondays at 7:00 pm.

**WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET** – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our 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 Media Table in the Sanctuary.

**Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, and Lucas Knatz,*
- *Kim Opperman, who is recovering from surgery,*
- *Jill & Ellen, friends of Jeanette Tangeman, are in need of prayers. Ellen has been moved to Hospice Care due to declining health,*
- *Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way all around the world at this time,*
- *All those who have health issues, but prefer to remain anonymous at this time; may they find comfort in knowing they are in our thoughts & prayers,*
- *All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,*
- *All those illnesses which cannot be seen.*

*All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [Lschmidt@bright.net](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net), or you can call or text her: 419-305-6164.*

*If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails / updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: [Lschmidt@bright.net](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net) or text 419-305-6164.*

## 05.31.26 Scripture

### MATTHEW 28:16-20

#### The Commissioning of the Disciples

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”