

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

June 11, 2023	Second Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 a.m.
Golden Sunday - 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 “Here I Am to Worship” arr. Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today to worship with high expectations: God will be revealed in new and astonishing ways.

People: God comes to us in real time. God comes to us in dreams.

Leader: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in, even difficult to believe.

People: O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

Leader: God is present here. God is working in our midst. Thank you, God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, the world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful. We come here today weary, and in need of your strength. We come fearful and in need of your courage. We gather with hearts longing to be replenished and filled with hope. As we turn to you in prayer, restore our faith, in you and each other, and wipe away the tears of despair. As we worship today, open our ears to listen more closely to you. Let your voice fill our minds with new understandings. We are waiting for you. Speak to us today. Amen.

***HYMN #56** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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)

GOLDEN SUNDAY RECOGNITION

***HYMN #48** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION
"In Christ Alone" arr. Mark Hayes

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SPECIAL MUSIC "Gabriel's Oboe" arr. Ennio Morricone Mary Schumm

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:13-21

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:13-21

SERMON "When Life Ebbs Away" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

***HYMN #132** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “O, How I Love Jesus” arr. Joel Raney

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

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
201 N. PERRY ST., ST. MARYS, OH 45885
(419) 394-3811 (Church Office) (419) 394-8733 (Church Fax)
email: smucc@bright.net website: www.stpaulsuccsm.com
email for Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer: rhainer@bright.net and cell phone number: (563) 210-3508
email for prayer team requests to Carol Schmidt: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com
email for Christian Education: ijn12021@gmail.com
email for youth director: youth.stpaulsucc@gmail.com email for media: spmedia@bright.net

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

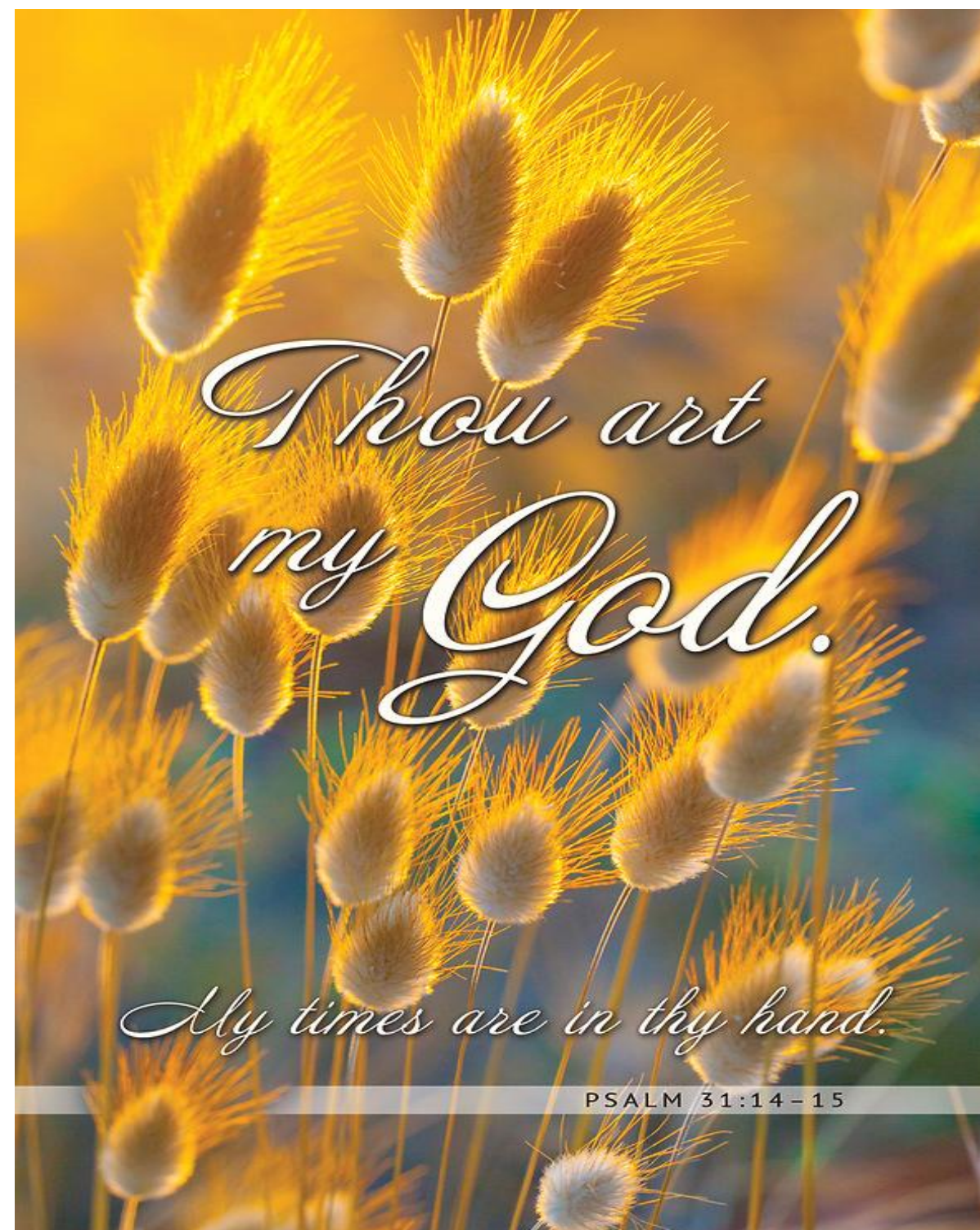
Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Andrea Spencer, Organist
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
Brad and Nam Gehrlach, Custodians
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistJane Nuss
AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, June 4, 2023
Current - \$4000.00/ Mission - \$230.00
Attendance –86

The loose offering today is designated to Agape's Helping Hands

*The flowers on the altar today are from Arianna Ickes in celebration
of her birthday, and all of the birthdays in the month of June*



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.

June Question:

What resources, talents and abilities has God given me? Do I use them in service to others?

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 – EXCEPT in July. In July we will meet on the 10th due to the holiday. 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.

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

Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

HEAL is the St. Paul’s grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. The HEAL group meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Chapel (next to the Sanctuary) at 1:30 p.m. This group is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, and hope for a path forward. The next meeting is on Thursday, June 15th at 1:30 p.m.

Luke 12

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

heart	heaven	kingdom of God
Jesus	God	lilies
worry	flowers	grass
clothing	barns	richman
possessions	fool	

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: Evelyn Horner, Ann Hudson, LeRoy Kogge, Cheryl Kline, Kris Vanderhorst, Shirley Harold, and John Long. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
 - Prayer request from Kendra Strand for her daughter in law, Virginia Larmore, who will begin 6 week's Radiation /Chemo treatment to shrink and get rid of tumor.
 - Former long-time member, Linda Hight passed away earlier this week. Please keep her family in your prayers. Pastor Rhonda performed the service.
 - 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.
 - We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 18th following worship
there will be a Pot-Luck Carry-In Luncheon
Celebrating Rev. Jeanette's
25th Anniversary of her Ordination!
(tableware, drinks and dessert provided)

- 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		
Handicap Accessible		
Today	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer / Golden Sunday
	11:15 am	Golden Sunday Luncheon following worship
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
Thurs.	1:30 pm	Heal Group (in the Chapel)
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Dan Busch / Father's Day
	11:15 am	Church Potluck following Worship
Next Mon.	9:00 am	Newsletter Deadline

Exodus 16:13-21

New Revised Standard Version Updated

Edition

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"^[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ¹⁷ The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. ¹⁹ And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." ²⁰ But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it became wormy and rotten. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹ Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed, but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Luke 12:13-21

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition