

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

June 18, 2023 **Third Sunday After Pentecost** **10:00 a.m.**
Father's Day -- 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: God's love and mercy are our inheritance.
People: God's compassion and teaching help us to grow and flourish.
Leader: God tends us as a garden.
People: Come, let us gather.
Leader: Let us worship.
People: Let us seek the teaching, grace, and love that we need to grow strong in our faith.
ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, we stand here at the intersection of the world's powers and desires with your teachings of compassion, justice, and hope. We look to you for guidance, stories and words that will help us to choose our paths wisely.

***HYMN #658** "Our God is An Awesome God"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests
A Litany for Father's Day (insert)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(Offer God's peace to those nearby)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEANETTE TANGEMAN'S ORDINATION

HYMN #559 "Here I Am Lord"

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:35, 10:8

SERMON "Surprised Calling" Rev. Daniel Busch

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

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

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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 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 Gehrlich, Custodians
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

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 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

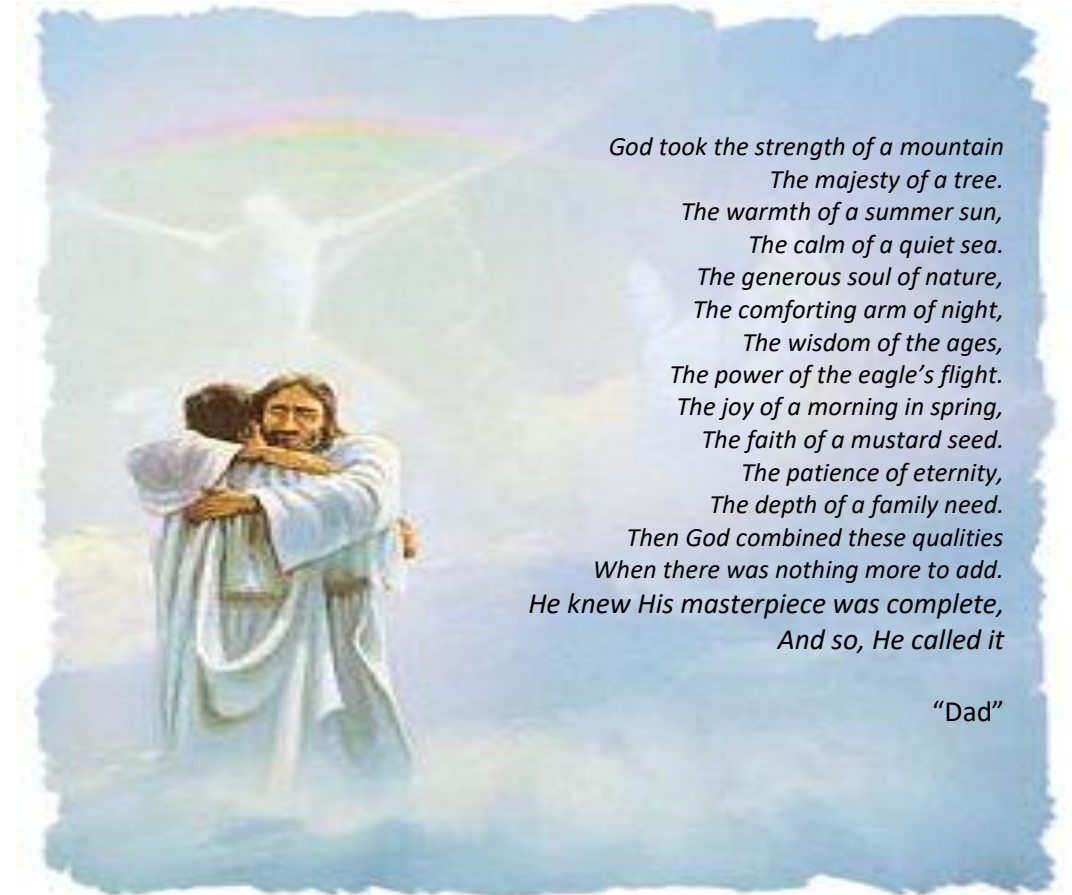
Our Giving to God, June 11, 2023
Current - \$4151.00/ Mission - \$158.00
Attendance -81

The flowers on the altar today are from Ron and Margaret Hunter
in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.



Happy Father's Day!





*God took the strength of a mountain
 The majesty of a tree.
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea.
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight.
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed.
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need.
 Then God combined these qualities
 When there was nothing more to add.
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it*

"Dad"

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

June 18, 2023

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



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. 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, July 20th at 1:30 p.m.

FATHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

Happy Father's Day!

Celebrate	Gift	Home	Caring	Honor	Daughter
Relaxation	Son	Hugs	Holiday	Hero	Gentleman
Inspiration	Wise	Sunday	Giving	Daddy	Children
Appreciate	Laugh	Happy	Love	Loyal	Encourager
Grandfather	Kiss	Fun	Family	Friend	Provider
Devoted	Card	Cake	Strong	Father	Greatest

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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, Shirley Harold, John Long, and Virginia Larmore (daughter of Kendra Strand). 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.
- 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.



TODAY

following worship there will
is 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. Dan Busch / Father's Day
	11:15 am	Church Potluck following Worship
Mon.	9:00 am	Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer



Genesis 18:1-15

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A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham^[a] by the oaks^[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Genesis 21:1-7

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The Birth of Isaac

21 The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Matthew 9:35

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The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

Matthew 10:8

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⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.