

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

**June 25, 2023**                      **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**                      **10:00 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.)

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>“Sing and Rejoice”</i>	Lani Smith
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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to God!

**People: We thank God for joy, laughter, and abundant blessings of every kind.**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**People: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, solitude, and fears.**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, may we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #5** "Halle Halle Halleluiah"

## 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 #649**                      “Gather Us In”

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD \*DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
*"Melody In E Flat"* Peter Tchaikovsky

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**SPECIAL S.A.R.A. PRESENTATION** Guest, Martha Siegel

**MISSION REFLECTION** Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE GO FORTH TO WTNESS AND SERVE**

**\*HYMN #59** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**\*BENEDICTION**

<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	Festal Chorus from “Judas Maccabeus”	G.F. Handel
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**\*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spirit .....Depart to serve**

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 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  
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

Liturgist .....Lori Now  
 Acolytes .....Deacons  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, June 18, 2023*  
*Current - \$1846.00/ Mission - \$85.00*  
*Attendance -84*

*The flowers on the altar today are from Miriam Lynch and family  
 honoring the birthday of Miriam's late husband, Mike.*

*The loose offering next Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, is designated to the Organ Refurbishing Fund*

**We are sorry, the Nursery is unattended this week. Parents and guardians please provide supervision for your own children if you wish to use this space. Thank you.**

*Please note: There will be **NO After Service Communion** next Sunday due to Pastor Rhonda being out of town. We have rescheduled it for the following Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.*



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
 June 25, 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION

Let’s get rolling and put toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. If you would like for us to purchase rolls for you, we can do this. Just give your donation to Janet Gibson, Terri Kerns or the office. We will be glad to help out. So, let’s just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support on this project.

Name: Date:

Book of Ephesians - Word Search

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Armor	Light	Unity	Faithful	Love
Teacher	Pastor	Prophet	Ministry	Theology
Doctrine	Benediction	Pauline	Jew	Gentile
Suffer	Prisoner	Letter	Greek	Author
Epistle	Equipping	Wives	Husbands	Apostle
Saul	Saints	Ephesus	Ephesians	Testament

**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-in-law 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](mailto: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.

**AGAPE School Supply Program**

In order to ensure that the clients that are in need of school supplies receive what they need, Agape will be administering our school supply program differently for the upcoming school year. **There will not be any collecting of supplies** in a drive, but will be offering everyone the opportunity to sponsor a child. Each sponsorship will be \$15 each child. If you would like to sponsor a child, you can donate \$15 (or more) to Agape with a note of where the money is to go, or write School Supply Program on the memo line of your check.

- 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](http://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 Guest speaker Marty Siegel from S.A.R.A.
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Guest Kevin Gehres

**CREATING OUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our church is embarking on a strategic planning process to create a long-range plan for our future. We anticipate a 5-month planning process, with one, 2-hour meeting each month beginning this fall. We are looking for a group of 6–9 volunteers who are willing to serve as the task force for the planning process, and ask that you give consideration to participating. If interested, or would like to learn more about what is needed, please contact Ruth Knous, who is facilitating the process. She can be reached at [rknous@ohioymcas.org](mailto:rknous@ohioymcas.org) or by call/text at (419) 953-6274.