

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

July 23, 2023 Eighth 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.)

PRELUDE “Chanson” N. Faber

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

People: but Christ who chose us.

Leader: We are not here because of our goodness,

People: but because of Christ’s grace.

Leader: We are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us.

Leader: We have not come to be entertained,

People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

With open arms, You welcome all who call on Your name—who acknowledge You as Lord, and look to You in faith. No one stands outside the circle of your mercy and love. And so, we come to offer You our worship—to declare that You are our God, and that we are your people, called and chosen by You from the very beginning. Through the presence of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see You here; open our minds to receive Your truth, and our mouths to speak and sing

your praise. For You alone are God—worthy of all praise and worship, now and to the end of time. Amen.

*HYMN #69 “I Worship You, Almighty God”

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)

*HYMN #88 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION
“Great Barrier Reef” N. Faber

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SPECIAL MUSIC David Hainer

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 1:16-18
GOSPEL Mark 10:13-21
NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON “The Cat and the Hat Returns” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

*HYMN #95 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Allegro Grazioso” Albert Biehl
*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve

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 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
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 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 Gehrlich, Custodians
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

LiturgistCarol Schmidt
 AcolytesDeacons
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, July 16, 2023
Current - \$2275.00/ Mission - \$170.00
Attendance – 77

Thank you to our guest pianist today, Ollie Chisholm

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.

“Heartland Conference House Build”

♣ Calling all able bodied servants! Our Disaster Ministries Team is sponsoring a “Help Build Hope” House Build on August 25 and 26 at Camp Templed Hills, partnering with CrossRoads Mission and Habitat for Humanity. CrossRoads Mission will be providing all of the materials & tools, and ALL skill levels are welcomed & needed! We need 25 folks for the Friday evening “Cut Team”, and 120 on Saturday morning for the “build”. Participants will not only be fulfilled through the assembly of the walls, but also enjoying the serenity and beauty of Templed Hills! Information and registration can be found at heartlanducc.org. Questions can be directed to DM Team members Jim Huckemeyer, or Kevin Gehres. Please consider answering God’s call in reaching out to assist those less fortunate. 🙏👤 🙏👤



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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.

Stay tuned for our next question in August!

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.

WANTED!! Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers: As a Sunday School Teacher/Volunteer, it will be your job to create an atmosphere and experience for the children in your care, that will teach, nurture and help them develop as individuals and as part of a Christian community. Lesson plans will be pre-planned, all you need to do is implement the lesson plans. Let Jane Nuss or Joan Leffel know if you are 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, August 17th at 1:30 p.m.**

AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION: Let’s get rolling and collect toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. We can also purchase the rolls for you. 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, 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, 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. **We will not be collecting any supplies**, in a drive, but will be offering everyone the opportunity to sponsor a child. Each sponsorship will be \$15 each child. 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.

SUMMERFEST 5K RUN: The Family Life Center of Auglaize County is having a 5K in conjunction with the Summerfest. It will be held on Saturday morning, August 12 at 9:00 starting and ending in KC Geiger Park. All proceeds will go to help parents and babies in Auglaize County. For more information: <https://familylifecenterofauglaizecounty-bloom.kindful.com/e/family-life-center-summerfest-5k-and-fun-run>

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
Wed.	9:00 pm	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

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 or by call/text at (419) 953-6274.

Isaiah 1:16-18

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?

Mark 10:13-21

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these

that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Rich Man

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money^[a] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."