

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

**July 9, 2023**
**Sixth 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**                      “Toccata for a Celebration”                      Gene Clarke

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the whirlwind of the week...

**People:** we come to find rest.

Leader: From all that feels unknown and uncertain...

**People:** we come to remember what matters.

Leader: We come to worship from generation to generation...

**People:** to find our place among the ancestors, choosing to know more about God's love.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of new life, we come to this time and place feeling raw and vulnerable.**

**So many voices sound within and around, weighing us down with burdens too great to bear.**

**We forget your constant love. Daily, we are reminded of how often we fall short.**

**We look for love in all the wrong places. We put our trust in life and in all the wrong things.**

**Quiet the voices, still our minds, and make us mindful of you.**

**\*HYMN #326** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

## Announcements

## Introduction of Guests

## Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

## 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)

**\*HYMN #654** "Holy Ground"

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD   \*DOXOLOGY   PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
**“Elegie”**

## Jules Massenet

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Near the Cross/Shall We Gather at the River" arr J. Stevens Carol Waesch

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** John 5:1-9

**SERMON**                      “Where are you stuck in your life today?”                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

**\*HYMN #465** "Lord, Be Glorified"

**\*BENEDICTION**

<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	“Fanfare Postlude”	Gilbert Martin
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\*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spirit .....Depart to serve  
 \*\* There will be after service communion following the worship service

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 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 .....David Hainer  
 Acolytes .....Deacons  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, July 2, 2023*  
*Current - \$4435.00 / Mission - \$560.00*  
*Attendance – 77*

*Altar flowers today are from Lynda and Glenn Hadley in celebration of Grace Young's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*The loose offering today is designated to the Rally Day Fund*

#### 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.

#### OPEN HOUSE TODAY

There will be an Open House in Heritage Hall today from 2-4pm for Grace Young's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We invite you to stop in for a visit to celebrate this wonderful occasion.



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

July 9, 2023



UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST

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.

July Question:

To Be Announced Soon

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, July 20<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Praise To God

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Mercy	Grace	Thanksgiving	Praise
Faith	Samaritan	Leprosy	Galilee
Samaria	Jerusalem	One	Ten
Luke	Healing	Thankful	Love

**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](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. **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.

- 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
	2:00-4:00 pm	Grace Young's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday Celebration – H. Hall
Mon.	7:00 pm	Caregivers meeting
Tues.	6:15-7:15 pm	Bingo at Vancrest
Wed.	6:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
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](mailto:rknous@ohioymcas.org) or by call/text at (419) 953-6274.

## Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

**5** After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew<sup>[a]</sup> Beth-zatha,<sup>[b]</sup> which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup> In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup> The ill man answered him, "Sir,<sup>[d]</sup> I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup> At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.