

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

July 5, 2026 **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

Order of Service

Welcome to our Worship Service today.
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES
WELCOME

PRELUDE **“God Bless Our Land” - John Sciveyner**
As we begin worship today, we give thanks for the blessings of our nation and the freedoms we enjoy. But even more, we remember that our first identity is as God's people. We gather not because of where we were born, but because of whose we are. The words and themes for our call to worship comes from a song, titled, **“We The People Of One Nation”**. Let us offer our gratitude to God in our call to worship today.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Today we gather as God's people, thankful for the many blessings we enjoy.
People: We give thanks for the freedoms we have received, and we remember that every good gift comes from God.
Leader: As citizens of this nation, we seek to be people of justice, mercy, and compassion.
People: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we remember that our highest calling is to love God and love our neighbors.
Leader: We pray for our nation, for its leaders, its communities, and all who serve the common good.
People: We pray for peace among all peoples, knowing that Christ came to break down every dividing wall.
Leader: Today, we come not to celebrate ourselves, but to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and purpose.
People: With grateful hearts, let us worship God.

***MORNING PRAYER**
Loving God, We thank You for calling to us again and again with a voice of love, hope, and grace. When discouragement, fear, or sorrow linger in our hearts, remind us that You are always at work bringing new life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to answer Your call. Help us to leave behind whatever keeps us from following You with joy and trust. Teach us to see signs of Your kingdom growing around us in acts of kindness, words of encouragement, faithful service, and unexpected moments of grace. Make us people who reflect the beauty of Christ wherever we go. As we worship today, awaken our faith, strengthen our hope, and fill us with the joy of Your presence, so that we may rise each day to follow where You lead. In Jesus name. Amen.

***HYMN # 442** **“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY
Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Birthdays

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

***HYMN # 731** **“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
OFFERTORY **“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies” - Samuel Ward**
***DOXOLOGY** ***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON **MATTHEW 10:32-33**

SERMON **“FAITH THAT SHOWS”** Pastor Ed Karges

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN # 665** **“Break Now the Bread of Life”**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: **“God Bless America” - Irving Berlin**
*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit.

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Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
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Organist: Andrea Spencer
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Darryl Smith
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Diane Gayer
Our Giving to God, June 28, 2026
Current - \$ 2,604 / Missions - \$ 185
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 78
Loose offering today will go to the Organ Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Glenn & Lynda Hadley

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.



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
July 5, 2026

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



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Communion Service

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, Holy One, Almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things.

We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people.

Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our only savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

In the fullness of time, you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death.

We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church.

Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God most high.

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: “Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me,”

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

P: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us. **Our Father, who art in...**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Lucas Knatz, Kris Vanderhorst, and Leslie Hullinger, Ron Ketchum, and Leroy Kogge,*
- *Carol Schmidt, who is recovering from surgery,*
- *Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way all around the world at this time,*
- *All those who have health issues, but prefer to remain anonymous at this time; may they find comfort in knowing they are in our thoughts & prayers,*
- *All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,*
- *All those illnesses which cannot be seen.*

All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: Lschmidt@bright.net, or you can call or text her: 419-305-6164.

If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails / updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: Lschmidt@bright.net or text 419-305-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us next Sunday, July 12th as we welcome Pastor Ed at his Installation Service. This is such a joyful moment for our church, and we would love for everyone to be there. After the service, stick around for a luncheon in Fellowship Hall—the Search Committee will provide the main dish, and you’re invited to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. There’s a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the sound booth, if you would like to bring a dish. Let’s gather together, enjoy some good food, and celebrate our new pastor, Rev. Ed Karges, as we start this exciting new chapter.

We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2026 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.
At this time we have NO Liturgists scheduled after next week.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE – We have a Nursery available for those that need it. Children in 1st Grade and older should remain in the church.
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the Hospitality 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**, on Sundays at 10:00am. (1 week delay), and then again on Mondays at 7:00 pm.
WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET – If you do not have TSC cable, you can

watch our service on our web page at www.spuccsm.com or on YouTube.
EMERGENCY AED – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S
Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	7:00 pm	Caregiving Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Bingo at Vancrest
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Breaking Bread
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Pastor Ed Karges Installation Service

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.

07.05.26 SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 10:32-33

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.