

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

August 2, 2026 Tenth 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 “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” – Richard Blake

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into God's presence with honest hearts, bringing your joys, your burdens, and your prayers.

People: **We come trusting that God hears our cries.**

Leader: The Lord is our refuge, our protector, and the One whose steadfast Love never fails.

People: **We rest in the shelter of God's unfailing mercy.**

Leader: Though the world around us may be uncertain, God remains faithful and just.

People: **We lift our eyes to the One who watches over us with compassion.**

Leader: Let us worship the God whose presence satisfies our deepest longing.

People: **We come with grateful hearts to worship the Lord.**

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and compassionate God, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Your goodness reaches every corner of creation, and Your mercy embraces all You have made. When we stumble, You lift us up. When we grow weary, You strengthen us. When our hearts are anxious, You remain faithful and near. Help us to trust in Your care, to seek You with sincere hearts, and to live each day in the confidence of Your unfailing love. Open our eyes

to see Your hand at work around us. Open our mouths to speak words of kindness and praise. Open our lives so that others may see Your goodness reflected in us. May all that we say and do bring honor to Your holy name. Fill us with grateful hearts as we worship You today, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN # 106 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

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 # 478 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” – Jason Krug

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC - LIZZY GOOD “Were You There?” arr. H.T. Burleigh

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 KINGS 19:11-13

SERMON

“LEARNING TO LISTEN”

Pastor Ed Karges

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN # 500 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Grand Chorus” – P.J.M. Fallourare

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

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Confirmation: Amy Keller
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Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Darryl Smith
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Dane Marsee
Our Giving to God, July 26, 2026
Current - \$ 5,376 / Missions - \$ 1,545
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 72
Loose offering today will go to the Organ Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Fred & Pam Scheer
in honor of all August Birthdays

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



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, Rom Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, Darryl Smith, and Carol Schmidt,*
- *The Congregational United Church of Christ in Neenah, WI, and surrounding community that sustained significant damage from a Tornado this past week,*
- *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

The Ladies Luncheon is this Thursday, 11:30am at Casa Lupita in New Bremen.

FREE HOT DOG & POPCORN NIGHTS! - EVERYBODY WELCOME!

This Thursday, August 6th, 4:30-6:00pm we will be offering: Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Bottled Water, maybe some Homemade Cookies, and lots of Friendly Conversation in the parking lot, all **FREE TO THE COMMUNITY!**

At St. Paul's UCC, we believe that communities grow stronger when people take time to know one another. We hope these evenings will be a chance to make new friends, share some smiles, and enjoy a summer evening together.

Come, join us for an All Church Family Picnic on Sunday, August 23rd. The picnic will be at 12:00 pm at Mills Park under the Pavillion next to the Splash Pad. Drinks, Plates, Silverware and Meat will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, maybe a lawn chair. Join us for a wonderful time of Food and Fellowship! 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. **WE NEED LITURGISTS!**

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
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon at Casa Lupita
	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Hot Dog Thursday Community Fellowship
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

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

8.02.26 SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:11-13

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”