

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

**September 3, 2023**      **Fourteenth 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**      Prelude (Homage to J.S. Bach)      Gordon Young

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Like mighty cedar trees...  
**People: we open our arms to you, O God.**  
Leader: Like swaying palm trees...  
**People: we feel your Spirit move among us.**  
Leader: Like apple trees heavy with fruit...  
**ALL: we offer our gifts to you and to the world, may they nourish and sustain.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**May we be deep-rooted in the soil of your word, Creator God. Nourish us with your scripture and Spirit that we may grow stronger and taller. May our outstretched arms provide shelter and bear fruit for all your creatures, and may your spirit blow through our branches. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #131**      "Surely the Presence"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests      Birthdays

**\*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 #80**      "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE OPEN UP TO GOD**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**      **\*DOXOLOGY**      John Dixon  
Meditation On "Converse"

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**  
**May the offerings we bring today be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.**  
**Grant us the humility to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      "Starlight"      Becky Anderson

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Joshua 10:1-7  
**THE GOSPEL LESSON**      Matthew 15:21-28  
**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      Galatians 3:26-29

**SERMON**      "The Sneeches"      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

**\*HYMN #596**      "Help Us Accept Each Other"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**      Lead On, O King Eternal      Henry Smart

**\*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spirit**      .....Depart to serve  
**\*\*After service communion today**

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 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 Gehrlich, Custodians  
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary  
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

Liturgist .....Stephanie Marsee  
 Acolytes .....Deacons  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, August 27, 2023*  
*Current - \$1851.00 / Mission - \$120.00*  
*Attendance – 94*

*The flowers on the altar today are from Fred and Pam Scheer in memory of Wilma Heil*

*Additional altar flowers today are from Mary McDonald in memory  
 of her late husband, Tom McDonald's birthday*

*The loose offering next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is for Breaking Bread*

#### 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.

**REMINDER: Next Sunday is RALLY DAY and our worship time  
 changes to 10:30 a.m. – PLEASE WEAR COLORFUL CLOTHING**



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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


September 3, 2023



UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST

**CAREGIVING FROM THE HEART SUPPORT GROUP:** 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. *IN SEPTEMBER, the group will meet on SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> due to Labor Day.* 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 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.



If you are not already on the prayer team email list and would like to be, please provide Carol Schmidt with a valid email address. Carol’s email is: Ischmidt@bright.net

SAVE THE DATE

**October 15th** following worship there will be a Pot-Luck Carry-In luncheon celebrating Rev. Jeanette’s 25th Anniversary of her Ordination! *(tableware, drinks and dessert provided).*

ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. PAUL’S

There will be a Ladies Luncheon at **Believe Art from the Heart north of Sidney**. Meet at the church by 11:15a to carpool on Thursday, September 7th. All of the ladies of the church are welcome. Please **RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by Noon on the Monday before the luncheon.**

Have you checked out our church website?  
[www.stpaulsuccsm.com](http://www.stpaulsuccsm.com)

Labor Day

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government	movement	american	first	monday
holiday	public	day	labor	puzzle
word				

**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: Kathy Raymond, Richard Larson, Evelyn Horner, Cheryl Kline, Shirley Harold, John Long, Laura Yelton, Richard Larson, Tony McDonald, 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.

**RALLY DAY NEWS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** for Sunday, Sept. 10th. Sunday School will resume and an all-church pizza party will follow the worship service. Complete the RSVP form below and send to/or drop off at the church office. You may place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or call the office to let Carolyn know you are attending.

**RSVP FOR RALLY DAY PIZZA PARTY BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**

\_\_\_\_\_Yes, I/we will attend the worship and luncheon      \_\_\_\_\_# attending

- 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 and Live Streamed		
Today	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	CLOSED	Church closed for holiday
Tues.	6:15-7:15 pm	Bingo at Vancrest
Wed.	9:00 pm	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Strategic Planning Meeting – Mtg. room beside the kitchen
Thurs.	11:15 am	Ladies luncheon carpool to meet in church parking lot
	6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer – RALLY DAY
	11:30 am	All church Pizza Party-Rally Day Celebration – F. Hall

**SACRED SPACES TOUR OF CHURCHES, A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

As part of the Auglaize County Bicentennial Celebration, the Auglaize County Historical Society has asked St. Marys area churches to open their doors to the public on Sunday, October 1, from 1-4pm for church tours. St. Paul's UCC is one of the churches listed on the tour. Along with the tours, the history of our church will be shared, cookies, punch, and coffee will be available for those visiting. These tours are open to the public. Everyone is welcome!

## Joshua 10:1-7

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### The Sun Stands Still

**10** When King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, <sup>2</sup> he<sup>[a]</sup> became greatly frightened, because Gibeon was a large city, like one of the royal cities, and was larger than Ai, and all its men were warriors. <sup>3</sup> So King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent a message to King Hoham of Hebron, to King Piram of Jarmuth, to King Japhia of Lachish, and to King Debir of Eglon, saying, <sup>4</sup> “Come up and help me, and let us attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the Israelites.” <sup>5</sup> Then the five kings of the Amorites—the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon—gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and camped against Gibeon and made war against it.

<sup>6</sup> And the Gibeonites sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who live in the hill country are gathered against us.” <sup>7</sup> So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the fighting force with him, all the mighty warriors.

## Matthew 15:21-28

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### The Canaanite Woman’s Faith

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’<sup>[a]</sup> table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

## Galatians 3:26-29

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<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring,<sup>[a]</sup> heirs according to the promise.