

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

September 20, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am

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 "Come, Thou Fount" – Gordon Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God led the people forth with joy, sustaining them on their journey.

People: We remember the faithfulness of God and give thanks!

Leader: God spread a cloud for covering and gave light to guide them through the night.

People: The Lord provides for us and walks beside us.

Leader: God remembered the holy promise and brought the people out with rejoicing.

People: We will remember what God has done and trust what God is still doing.

Leader: We have been blessed so that we might live faithfully before the Lord.

People: Let us worship the God who guides, provides, and keeps every promise. Praise the Lord!

***MORNING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you have given us life in Christ and called us to live in a manner worthy of the gospel. Give us courage when faith is difficult, strength when the way is uncertain, and unity when differences threaten to divide us. Teach us to stand firm together, not ruled by fear, but guided by the love and grace of Jesus Christ. May our words, our choices, and our actions show others that Christ is alive within us.

Help us to live faithfully, serve joyfully, and walk together as your people, for the sake of Christ and his kingdom. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN # 257 "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors

***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 # 352 "Spirit Song"**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Praise To The Lord" – Gordon Young
*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC Jason Schumm "If I Can Dream"

TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 20:19-22

SERMON "YOU ARE SENT" Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN # 51 "How Great Thou Art"**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Diademata" – Martin Setchell

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

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Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson
Organist: Andrea Spencer
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
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
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Diane Gayer
Our Giving to God, September 13, 2026
Current - \$3040.00 / Missions - \$ 181.00
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 134
Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund
Altar Flowers are given today by Becky Anderson

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."



PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Ron Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, Louis & Vicki Dietz, and Becky Anderson,*
- *All Military Personnel who find themselves in harm's way all around the world, as well as our Veterans who served in the past,,*
- *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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

A huge **THANK YOU** to Pastor Ed & all his assistants, as well as participants, who conducted once again..... a very successful Rally Day!

The Stewardship Committee will meet right after the morning Worship Service today.

Rebecca Circle will meet tomorrow, September 21st, at 1:00 pm.
Fall Harvest Meal and Market tickets are on sale, before and after worship service. Tickets can be purchased from Jane Laird, Jane Nuss, or in the church office. Sign-up sheets for desserts and volunteers are also available.

IT'S BACK !! IN NEW FORM !!

Sunday, October 4th, 9:00am in Heritage Hall, will be our first ADULT FORUM Class for the Fall. Calling all Christians who want to indulge in something new !! **BE THERE !!**

Youth Mission Trip

Mark your calendars for June 14-20, 2027. Greg and Sarah Walter along with Dave and Kara Birt will be taking the youth on a mission trip to High Country UCC in North Carolina. We're looking for 16 high school and college age youth to join us. Contact Sarah 419-305-1952 to sign up and answer any questions you might have at this time.

AGAPE is in need of toilet paper donations. A BIG **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated so far this year! We have donated about 800 rolls so far, but the need continues and AGAPE has lost other sources that they previously had. Rolls can be left in the Hospitality Room, or if you would prefer to donate the \$\$ rather than purchase the rolls, you can place it in the Offering Plate and we can make the purchase and deliver.

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion. One-third of the offering is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. This year, the Neighbors in Need offering is October 4. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: Giving is easy and convenient with our online options! Just download the free Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app from the App Store or Google Play to get started. You can also give anytime by using the link on our website.

CAMPBELLS	FORD	MR CLEAN
FOLGERS	MARLBORO	WHEATIES
KENNER	TIDE	COCA COLA
TANG	CHEERIOS	GLEEM
CHARMIN	FROSTED FLAKES	PEPSI



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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.

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	9:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
	10:00 am	
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours Rebecca Circle
	1:00 pm	
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours Quilting
	9:00 am	
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours Breaking Bread Spiritual Gifts Class
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
	10:00 am	

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

September 20, 2026

John20: 19-22

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.