

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

September 6, 2026 Fifteenth 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 **“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” – Lloyd Larson**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to God a new song; let our worship rise with joy!
People: We rejoice in the One who created us and gives us life.
Leader: Let us praise God with glad hearts, with voices lifted and spirits renewed.
People: For the Lord delights in God’s people and surrounds the humble with grace.
Leader: Let the faithful rejoice in God’s goodness; let praise be upon our lips.
People: We come together as God’s people, ready to worship and give thanks.
Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!
People: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God together!

***MORNING PRAYER**
Loving God, you have called us to a life shaped by love to love our neighbors, care for one another, and follow the way of Jesus. Awaken us when we become comfortable or distracted. Help us lay aside the things that keep us from you and clothe us with the compassion, grace, and love of Christ. As we worship today, open our hearts to your presence,

renew our spirits, and prepare us to carry your light into a world that needs it. May the love we receive from you become the love we freely share with others. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN # 113 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

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 # 466 “Take My Life and Let It Be”**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
OFFERTORY **“In Christ, Alone” Arr. Mark Hayes**
***DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC **“How Beautiful” by Twila Parks, arr. Joel Raney**
Jean Smith, flute; Darryl Smith, piano

TODAY’S GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 7:37-39
SERMON **“A Life That Overflows” Pastor Ed Karges**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
***CLOSING HYMN # 480 “Open My Eyes”**

***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE: “I Love You, Lord” arr. Mark Hayes

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

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
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Organist: Andrea Spencer
Confirmation: Amy Keller
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
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Stephanie Marsee
Our Giving to God, August 30, 2026
Current - \$ 2,426 / Missions - \$ 45
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance - 104

Loose offering today will go to the Organ Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Jim & Neva Rowen

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: Ron Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, and Louis & Vicki Dietz,*
- *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.

If you would like to send cards/notes to Leslie Hullinger, the address is: 150 Villanova Blvd. St. Marys, OH 45885

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Consistory will meet this Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm.
‘Discover Your Spiritual Gifts’ 7-Week Class Begins this Thursday, Sept. 10th.
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30pm. Have you ever wondered how God has uniquely gifted you? Join us for a 7-week class as we explore spiritual gifts, take a gifts inventory, and discern how God is calling each of us to serve with joy and purpose. Space is limited to 12 participants to allow for discussion. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the Sound & AV station.

RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH !!

The Sunday School children will meet in the gathering room at 9:00am. Then, after the 10:00am worship service, join us for a time of Fun and Fellowship with a BBQ Pork and Brisket, and Pineapple dessert competitions. Sign-up sheets and competition rules are posted on the bulletin board by the Sound & AV station.

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	LABOR DAY	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
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 – 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Spiritual Gifts Class
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

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

09.06.26 SCRIPTURE

John 7:37-39

Rivers of Living Water

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH !!

On **Sunday, September 13**, immediately following worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for a **Rally Day Hawaiian Luau Celebration**, and you won't want to miss it.



This year's highlight will be our **BBQ Pork & Brisket Showdown**, paired with a tropical twist: a **Pineapple-Inspired Dessert Competition**. Whether you love to cook, bake, or just taste-test, there will be something for everyone to enjoy!

Important: Competition sign-ups will be available soon, with **12 entry spots for each category**, so keep an eye out and be ready to claim your place.

We'll also have:

- **Cash prizes and awards**
- **A special Fire Department judging category**
- Additional food provided so everyone can enjoy the day
- A fun **photo area** for families and friends

Plenty of time for fellowship and connection as we begin a new season together

And of course...

Come dressed in your best Hawaiian attire!

This is more than just an event, it's a chance to reconnect, welcome new faces, and celebrate the life we share as a church community.

So go ahead and circle the date, start thinking about your best recipes, and get ready for a day filled with food, fun, and fellowship.

Rally Day is coming... and it's going to be a blast!

