

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

August 21, 2022      Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost      8:30 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Order of Service

*Welcome to our Worship Service today. It doesn't matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done. You matter to God, and that means you matter to us. If you are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE  
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME  
PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are the family of God;  
**All: and like every family, we come in all shapes and sizes.**  
One: We are fun-loving uncles, annoying cousins,  
**All: protective nanas and hip with-it aunts.**  
One: We are happy toddlers, busy parents,  
**All: argumentative siblings and football-loving grandpas.**  
One: We are quiet book lovers and  
**All: mechanically minded menders of stuff.**  
One: We are knitters and cooks,  
**All: golfers and gamers.**  
One: We are poets and farmers,  
**All: pianists and quilters.**  
One: We are freckled and knock-kneed;  
**All: we are daredevils and dawdlers.**  
One: Our lives are colorful and creative, and as diverse as wildflowers,  
**All: and we all belong here. Amen.**

\*HYMN #652      "This Is the Day"

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we come before you in awe, for you have promised never to leave us. Ever. It is an awesome thing! Even when we feel most lost and alone, still you are with us; your spirit is

here, as comforter, advocate, friend. Help us to know, and celebrate, your presence with us always. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE      Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.

(People offer God's peace to those nearby. It can be a handshake, fist bump, a wave, or whatever you are comfortable with.)

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*HYMN #480      "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD      \*DOXOLOGY      PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE SCRIPTURE READING      Genesis 15:1-18  
Psalm 27:7-14

SERMON      "As Many As The Stars"      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

\*HYMN #22      "Let All Things Now Living"  
BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE

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

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 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
 Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators  
 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist  
 Andrea Spencer, Organist  
 Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director  
 Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian  
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher  
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Liturgist .....Becky Anderson  
 Acolytes .....Deacons and Elders  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God August 14, 2022*  
*Current - \$2746.00/ Mission - \$100.00*  
*Attendance – 8:30a – 21 and 10:00a – 50*

I always thank my God when I pray  
 for you. Philemon 1:4

**TAKE NOTE:** *The Air Conditioning is on in the sanctuary. Please be sure to close the doors to the sanctuary after entering/leaving the sanctuary. Thank you.*



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
 August 21, 2022

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



## S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund

The Heartland Conference [S.A.R.A. partnership](#) will serve as a conduit for aid to partners in Ukraine who are suffering as a result of the war. Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time. Those wishing to make a donation can send it to the following address:

Heartland Conference UCC/S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund  
PO Box 1230  
Worthington, OH 43085

**GET TO KNOW ST. PAUL'S CHILDREN!** – Rally Day Open House Sunday School starts on September 11th, and we need a few more teachers and teacher assistants. These positions do not have to be a regular commitment, you can help just one Sunday, or multiple Sundays. Any help you can give us is welcome. This is a fun way to get to know our families with young children and an easy way to fulfill your baptismal promise! Contact: Joan Leffel or Jane Nuss.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Psalm 27

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F Y L G S W O S R O M Y V S K O T  
C M O X E Z T A W S P U K Q F I F  
O G H I Y R Y H F S U Q M B I T A  
D Z G D K I U H H D E K J Z W A J  
E V N M J J T C J S S M O N H V Z  
N B O F A T O J A G W H S A A L E  
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P E T Y M Y B O W U K V K G D S M  
P Y S D P W F E R D L X R C O A D  
H I I V X W C O C D J K H U T N H

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**WELCOME!** 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 back side 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: Shirley Harold, John Long, Virginia Burroughs, and Vern Luedeke. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- Please keep the families of Sis Krugh, and Wilma Heil in your prayers. Both of these ladies passed away this past week. Also, please keep Billie Marsee and her family in your prayers. Billie's brother passed away this past week as well.
- 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.

- The **2022 Altar Flower Chart** and the Liturgist sign-up sheets are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.
- **We need Liturgists!** Please take a moment to sign up (on the bulletin board by the soundboard) or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.
- **Open Membership Sunday - TODAY.** If you have been visiting St. Paul's UCC and would like to place your membership with us, you are invited to meet with Pastor Rhonda immediately after the service at the front of the Sanctuary.

**NOODLE MAKING TOMORROW**

Anyone wanting to help make noodles to be sold at the Fall Cafeteria, please show up tomorrow, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9 a.m. in the Kitchen.

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.
- ✚ **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**

Today	8:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Grab & Go Only
Next Sun.	8:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS:** The Women's Guild would like to have another Craft Show to coincide with their Fall Harvest Meal, Bake/Craft Sale on **October 5, 2022**. If you have the extra time, maybe you could make and donate a craft?

**“Give Me That Old-Time Religion”  
Sunday, September 4, 2022  
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Come and sing your way through worship with the old, familiar gospel hymns. Rev. Jeanette Tangeman and Jim Huckemeyer will be leading the services in song and prayer. Enjoy the memories of yesteryear and fill your heart with song and joy.

# Genesis 15:1-18

New Revised Standard Version Updated

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## God's Covenant with Abram

**15** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD<sup>[b]</sup> reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD<sup>[c]</sup> said to

Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years, <sup>14</sup> but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates.

## Psalm 27:7-14

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- <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!
- <sup>8</sup> "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!
- <sup>10</sup> If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.
- <sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

- <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

- <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!