

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

**August 28, 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**

Leader: We who have risen to embrace this day, we who are weary in body and spirit,  
**People: all are welcome in this sacred place.**  
Leader: We who know the abundance of life, we who are left impoverished by harsh realities,  
**People: all receive a sustaining measure of God's love.**  
Leader: We who are strong in mind and soul, we who are challenged by illnesses of many kinds,  
**People: all are whole in the Spirit of God.**  
Leader: We who have a voice and the strength to use it, we who whisper prayers in our hearts,  
**People: all are invited to worship the God we love.**  
**ALL: Come, for you have a place of honor in the heart of God.**

**\*HYMN #84**                      "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Jesus, we claim you as Savior and friend. This may seem a bold claim, yet we know your grace and love and so we speak it boldly. We fix our vision on you so that we see the world with the clear sight of your discerning Spirit. We seek to know your heart and lay ourselves open to walking your path. We ask that you gather us in your warm embracing kindness, this day and 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.)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Carol Gehres

**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 #59**                      "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

**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 #440**                      "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**\*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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Vacant, Director of Music  
Ann Vogel, Organist  
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Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant  
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
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 .....Kevin Gehres  
Acolytes .....Deacons and Elders  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

***Our Giving to God August 21, 2022***  
***Current - \$2460.00/ Mission - \$120.00***  
***Attendance – 8:30a – 20 and 10:00a – 59***

*Altar flowers this morning are from Becky Anderson in memory  
of the birthday of her father, L.W. Steinecker.*

There is a right time for everything.  
Everything on earth has its special season.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

**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 28, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Genesis

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

Benjamin	Brethren	Overseer	Famine	plenty	cow
fat	skinny	Dreams	Favor	Cupbearer	baker
prison	accused	Potiphar	Egypt	camels	caravan
cistern	Favorite	Trickery	Tribes	Children	Twelve
Leah	Rachel	Esau	Jacob	Isaac	Abraham



**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: Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, Virginia Burroughs, and Vern Luedeke. 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.
- 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.

**BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS**

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement.

**Quiet Bags** have new fun pages in them for all ages. Hidden pictures, stories to read, some coloring pages. Check them out!

**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 elevator 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.	6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
Next Sun.	8:30 am	Worship with Rev. Jeanette Tangeman
	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

**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

Edition

## 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!