

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

July 31, 2022 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** **8:30 a.m./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
PRELUDE

Voluntaryon “Restoration”

John Dixon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hungry for meaning, acceptance, and love,
People: we gather within the mystery of God.

Leader: Yearning for greater peace and equity,
People: we gather within the friendship of Christ.

Leader: Open to renewed generosity and compassion,
People: we gather within the enfolding of the Holy Spirit.

***HYMN #591**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Generous Giver of Life, you, who with each sunrise, breaks open a love that renews and sustains all of creation, come to us in this place, creating a renewed hunger for generous lives of spirit and human goodness. For it is in the name of Jesus, our bread of life, that we ask. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

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| 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,

(Those of you who are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card that you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate - Thank you!)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

Brass Quartet

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

***GLORIA PATRI** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen, amen.*

***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 #84

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Lani Smith

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:1-10
Revelation 21:1-6

SERMON

“Revelation Revealed – IV”

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

HYMN #451

“Be Still, My Soul”

BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE

“Gigue”

Christoph Nichelmann

*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve

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Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music
Ann Vogel, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
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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

LiturgistKaren James
AcolytesDeacons and Elders
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God July 24, 2022
Current - \$1169.00/ Mission - \$65.00
Attendance – 8:30a – 23 and 10:00a – 59

*Altar flowers today are from the Greg Leffel family in celebration
of Joan Leffel's birthday and in honor of Bernie and Marilyn Schroer*

Next Sunday, August 7th, the loose offering is designated to the Organ Fund

Come near to God, and God will come
near to you. James 4:8

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
July 31, 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

AN IMPORTANT WORD Thank you for your continual support of the ministry of St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys. As we give of our tithes and offerings whether online located through our website www.stpaulsuccsm.com or through putting it in an envelope and mailing to us at 201 N. Perry Street, St. Marys, OH 45885, or you can even drop your envelope in the mail slot of the door to the church office, we step out in faith down the road in grace, and we do this together as God's people called and sent to be a blessing for all the world.

AGAPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Items Needed to Re-stock the Food Pantry

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| Chicken & Beef Broth | <u>BREAKFAST ITEMS</u> |
| Diced Tomatoes | Pancake Mix |
| Scalloped Box Potatoes | Waffle Mix |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes | Cereal |
| Pork & Beans | Fruit Bars |
| Sloppy Joe Sauce | <u>BAKING ITEMS</u> |
| Egg Noodles | Sugar & Flour |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Oil & Vinegar |
| Can Peaches | <u>CONDIMENTS</u> |
| Spaghetti Sauce | (NO KETCHUP NEEDED) |
| Hamburger Helper | BBQ Sauce, Pickles |
| Taco Kits & Salsa | Mustard, Mayonnaise |
| | Salad Dressing |

Personal Care

- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Feminine Products (Maxi, liners, and regular)
- Diapers (Sizes 5 & 6 Needed Most)
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Shampoo

Isaiah

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| CARCASE | GOD IS WITH US | PANGS | RUINOUS | TERROR |
| CAST | HEAR | PARDON | SCEPTRE | TRODDEN |
| CURSE | HERE AM I | PEACE | SHEEP | TRUST |
| DASHED | JUDGE | PIT | SHOUT | UNCLEAN |
| DEATH | LOP | POMP | SIGH | VOMIT |
| DEW | MEEK | POTTER | SIN | WASTE |
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| DREGS | NETTLES | PREACH | SPOIL | WOE |
| | | | SPRIGS | WRATH |

WELCOME! If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are 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: Evelyn Horner, Sis Krugh, 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, 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.

LUCY SPENCER is in a 7-week bootcamp with the US Coast Guard Academy and would appreciate our ongoing prayers and cards of support:

SWAB Lucy Spencer
US Coast Guard Academy
15 Mohegan Ave.
Chase Hall Box 8834
New London, CT 06320-8127
FOXTROT PLATOON

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. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.
- ✚ **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 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

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| Today | 8:30 am | Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer |
| | 10:00 am | Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer |
| Wed. | 9:00 am | Quilting |
| | 6:00 pm | Christian Ed Meeting – H. Hall |
| Thurs. | 6:00 pm | Personnel Meeting |
| Next Sun. | 8:30 am | Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer |
| | 10:00 am | Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer |

Breaking Bread Dine-In Option Temporarily on hold

Due to the rising Covid numbers, the Breaking Bread crew has decided to **temporarily** hold off on returning to “**Dining In**” until numbers start to go back down.

Isaiah 25:1-10

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Praise for Deliverance from Oppression

25 O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all
the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

¹⁰ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place
as straw is trodden down in the manure.

Revelation 21:1-6

New Revised Standard Version Updated

Edition

The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.
He will dwell^[b] with them;
they will be his peoples,^[c]
and God himself will be with them and be their God;^[d]
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for^[e] the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.