

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

March 13, 2022 **Second Sunday in Lent** **10:30a.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 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Jason Krug

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?
People: Our help comes from God, maker of heaven and earth.
Leader: God will not let us slip or fall. Our protector will not fall asleep on the job
People: Indeed, our protector never sleeps or rests.
Leader: God is our protector, as close as our very shadow.
People: Let us worship our Creator!

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of darkness and of light, we dare to venture out into the unknown – to come to you in this time of worship even though we know that the future is always uncertain. We come to this place knowing full well there are a thousand other things we could be doing. But we have gathered here out of love for you, because you first loved us, and because we know that, when we spend time with you, life can make sense in new and exciting ways. Inspire us in this time, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN #591** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family Anniversaries
Introduction of Guests Committee Presentation

Reminder that Offering Plates are located at the front and back of the sanctuary, as well as in each balcony

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)
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 #476 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD ***DOXOLOGY** **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
"Lead Me To Calvary" Victor Johnson

GOD SPEAKS TO US

COMMISSION BACK BAY MISSIONARIES

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 27
Luke 13:31-35

SERMON "God Moves In All Obstacles" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

HYMN #716 "God Be With You"

BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE "Celebration for Trumpet" Robert Thygerson
***Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit** Depart to serve



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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
 Vacant, Custodian
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistBrett Speckman
 AcolytesConfirmands
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Children
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God March 6 = Current - \$3488.00 / Mission - \$120.00 ** Attendance – 106*

The loose offering today is designated for the St. Marys After Prom

*TODAY is our One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.
 This is part of the 5 for 5 giving in the UCC*

**Altar flowers today are in celebration of
 Pastor Rhonda and David Hainer's Wedding Anniversary**

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

March 13, 2022

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



SATURDAY ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERIES: If you order altar flowers, be sure to let your florist know that the **Elevator entrance** is the **only door** that will be open on Saturdays, and that **deliveries must be made between 8a and noon**. Thank you.

ATTENTION PARENTS/CAMPERS

Please inform Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel if you are going to church camp by May 1st, so that the church has time to submit funds towards your camp fees. Please email us, or text/call us. Email: jnjl2021@gmail.com or cell numbers: Joni Leffel 419-305-5610, Jane Nuss 419-305-9629. It is easier for us if you email, call or text us instead of leaving a message for us at the church office. There will also be a signup list in the gathering room.

**REMINDER! We have a Mid-Week Lenten Service on
Wednesday evenings at 7p through Lent.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 18th AT 9:00 a.m.



Please pray for the team heading to Back Bay in March from St. Paul’s UCC, St. Marys:

- Jeanette Tangeman
Ralph and Marsha Heckler
Kevin and Carol Gehres
Ed and Claudia Kargas
Jill and Tom Dickman
DeWayne and Billie Marsee
Lori Now
- Karen James
Amy Keller
Diane Gayer
Janet Gibson
Jim Huckemeyer
Marsha Landers

These folks will have the opportunity to serve in three of the Mission’s Ministries: Housing rehabilitation, the food pantry, and the Micah Day Center.

Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem



"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Luke 13:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:31-35 (NIV).

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G G U R B E D K R E K M A B S
F G Q S G T D A S E T K I L L

gather	Herod	hen	Jeus	chicks
prophet	blessed	goal	tomorrow	demons
heal	name	stone	Jerusalem	fox
today	house	kill	wings	Pharisees

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 "GivePlus Church". 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: Norma Lhamon, Vern Luedeke, Michael J. Selby, and Harold McCune, Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- Please pray for Sue Brannon, she is the friend of a congregation member.
- 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 or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.

AGAPE HAS ASKED US TO SWITCH OVER TO BUYING THESE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

Cleaning supplies, toilet cleaner, spray cleaner, shampoo, body wash, small salt and pepper that come together in cardboard container, cooking oil, and brown sugar

Thank you for supporting our Agape Mission
Jane Nuss

- 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** rest room 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!

<u>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</u>		
Today	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs.	1:00 pm	Heal Group
	4:30 - 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Fri	9:00 am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

THERE IS COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE IN THE ELEVETTE ROOM



Psalm 27 NRSV

Triumphant Song of Confidence Of David.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold^[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹ 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!

¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Luke 13:31-35

New Revised Standard Version

The Lament over Jerusalem

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,^[a] 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when^[b] you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"