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

March 20, 2022 Third 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 'Softly and Tenderly' Mary McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The season of Lent can be barren and lonely, Leader:

but God goes with us through the wild wilderness. People:

Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations. Leader: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence. People:

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us; the barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter. People: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God. Leader: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage. People:

Come, let us worship God! Leader:

*HYMN #10 "Sing A New Song"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family Announcements

Introduction of Guests **Committee Presentation**

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Lily of the Valley" Leslie Hullinger, Pianist

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you. *PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.)

(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!)

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 #446 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Wavfaring Stranger" Mark Haves

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 55:1-9

Luke 13:1-9

SERMON "God Moves Over The Fence" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

HYMN #415 "When We Are Living"

BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Branda Dillon *Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve

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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

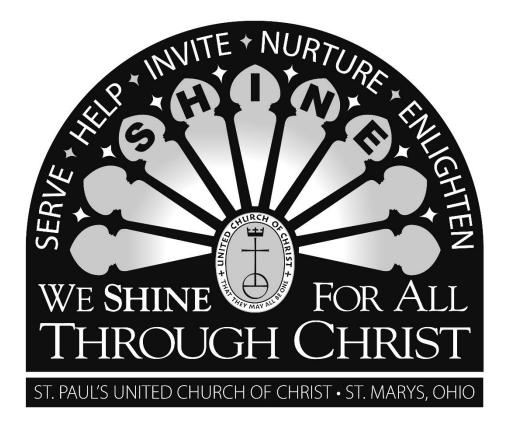
Our Giving to God March 13 = Current - \$11,283.02 / Mission - \$319.00 ** Attendance - 89

Irish Blessing: May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smile of the people you love. Altar flowers are in memory of loved ones from Ron and Margaret Hunter

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Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio March 20, 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 <u>deliveries must be made between 8a and noon</u>. 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.

DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR EASTER!

We are asking the congregation to help decorate the altar for Easter!! Donations of spring flowers for the altar need to be in Elevette Room by **NOON** on Saturday, April 16th.



Sunday School children will be singing during the 10:30am church service on April 10 (Palm Sunday).

Parable of the Fig Tree Luke 13.1-9 Word Search Puzzle

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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 "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, and Harold McCune, Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- Please keep the family of Michael A. Selby in your prayers. Michael passed away on March 10th.
- 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).
- † <u>TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE</u> Our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on <u>TSC cable</u> <u>Digital channel 1</u> or <u>non-digital channel 2</u>, 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

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
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs.	4:30 - 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
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



Isaiah 55:1-9

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,

New Revised Standard Version

An Invitation to Abundant Life

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come to the waters:
and you that have no money,
  come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
  without money and without price.
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
  and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
  and delight yourselves in rich food.
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;
  listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
  my steadfast, sure love for David.
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
  a leader and commander for the peoples.
<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
  and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
  for he has glorified you.
<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found,
  call upon him while he is near;
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,
  and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
  and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
  nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
  so are my ways higher than your ways
  and my thoughts than your thoughts.
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Luke 13:1-9

New Revised Standard Version

Repent or Perish

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"