

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

March 27, 2022 **Fourth 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 “

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the parable of Prodigal Son we remember that he “came to himself.”
People: Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You.
Leader: Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human.

People: Help us not to chase after an imaginary life, and to find satisfaction in our real lives.
Leader: And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that Your arms are open in welcome. Let us worship.

***HYMN #40** “For The Beauty of the Earth”

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we have come here today to hear your word and let it change us. We have come to be refreshed by your presence and reminded that we are never far from you. Open our hearts to receive you, and to reach out to others in love. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION Welcome Ruth and Tom Knous Jr. (Move to top like this)
Congregational Response: “**We welcome you with joy in the common life of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.”**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Canon in D” by Johann Pachelbel Ollie Chisholm

***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.)
 (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 #358 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 15:11-24, 25-32

SERMON “God Moves In Grace” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

HYMN #706 “I Come With Joy”

BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

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

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 Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director
 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

President of the Congregation.....Darren Caywood
 LiturgistLynda Hadley
 AcolytesConfirmants
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Children
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God March 20 = Current - \$1510.68 / Mission - \$45.00 ** Attendance – 88*

NEXT SUNDAY, the loose offering is designated to the Organ Refurbishing Rund

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that
 whoever believes in him will have eternal life.



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

March 27, 2022

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





REMINDER!

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

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.

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).

LUKE 15:1-32

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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.
 - 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.
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- 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!

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
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



Luke 15:11-24

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹¹ Then Jesus^[a] said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with^[b] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’^[c] ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:25-32

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father^[a] said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”