

**May 8, 2022**                      **Fourth Sunday of Easter**                      **10:30a.m.**

*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.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME**

Leader: Come to this place, knowing that God is here.

**People: We come to worship in a spirit of hope.**

Leader: Come to this place, a safe place, where God will keep us safe.

**People: We come to worship in a spirit of peace.**

Leader: Come to this place to be renewed in faith, knowing the risks for us when we proclaim the gospel.

**People: We come to worship in a spirit of faith.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

**Creator, you have shaped a place for us made of love and held in grace. It is filled with the whispers of the great cloud of witnesses who followed you and sculpted our faith. Breathe into this place again, that we may know your way, your truth, and your life. Amen.**

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

**(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!)***

**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.**

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

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Ann Vogel, Organist	Andrea Spencer, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist	

Liturgist .....	Lori Now
Acolytes .....	Confirmants
Children's offering.....	Sunday School Children
Missionaries.....	Members of our Congregation

***Our Giving to God May 1, 2022***  
***Current - \$4772.50 / Mission - \$155.00***  
***Attendance – 170***

***Altar flowers today are from Arianna Ickes wishing her mom,  
and ALL of the moms everywhere, a Happy Mother's Day!***

**The loose offering today is designated to The Hirschfeld Foundation**

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

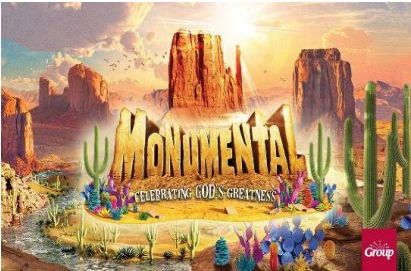
Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

We can all agree this has been a difficult year, full of challenges and many losses. It has been especially painful for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. HEAL is the St. Paul’s grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. The HEAL group meets on the third Thursday of each month in the church’s old library (next to the Sanctuary) at 1:30 p.m. This group is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, and hope for a path forward.

S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund

Many have asked if there is a way in addition to our prayers that we may provide aid to those who are suffering in Ukraine. The answer to that question is “yes”! 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. Daily, our partners are bringing food and water relief to displaced Ukrainians in Transcarpathia. 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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School is three evenings this year and will be held on May 31, June 1 and June 2 from 6p-7:30 pm.

Psalm 23 Word Search

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

David	Psalm	prepare	pastures	waters	paths
right	staff	rod	evil	valley	forever
house	dwelt	soul	love	overflows	refreshes
comfort	goodness	table	anoint	enemies	quiet
green	shepherd	Lord			

**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: Vern Luedeke, Joan Smith, and Gloria Morrison (sister of Joan Smith and Sharon Sullivan). 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.
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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 (on the bulletin board by the sound board) 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](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	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/Mother's Day
Tues.	6:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:30 am	Graduate Breakfast
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/Scholarship-Grad Sunday
		Children Sing



Would you like to help with our shut-ins and those in the nursing home? We are searching for additional volunteers, **BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**, to help with either personal visits, calling or just sending a card. Currently, our volunteers have an assignment of approximately once a month. We would like to get more volunteers to extend that duty to possibly every-other-month. If you are interested, please call the church office at 419-3940-3811 option 3.

## **The Divine Shepherd**

### **A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.<sup>[b]</sup>

He leads me in right paths<sup>[c]</sup>  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,<sup>[d]</sup>  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely<sup>[e]</sup> goodness and mercy<sup>[f]</sup> shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.<sup>[g]</sup>

## John 10:1-5

New Revised Standard Version

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

**10** “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

## John 10:11-16

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the

wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.