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

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Order of Service

Today is World Communion Sunday. This day calls Christians around the globe to celebrate our unity in Christ and to be the universal, inclusive Church, welcoming to all.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME (If you are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

All: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

Leader: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

All: At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every

land.

Leader: How in the world shall we serve our God?

All: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there

is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

Leader: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

All: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now

worship the one who calls us!

*HYMN #706 "I Come Joy" Verses 1-4

*THAT WE MIGHT BE ONE: A CONFESSION

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in Spirit, One in mission, In union and communion with each other and with you. Today, God we confess our fumblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough

to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

Introduction of Guests Birthdays

*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 with whatever you are comfortable with)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 14: 1-24

SERMON Gathered At The Table Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #706 "I Come With Joy" Verse 5

*BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE

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

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Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist

Andrea Spencer, Organist

Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director

Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video

Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher

Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor

Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

> Our Giving to God, September 25, 2022 Current - \$6076.75 / Mission - \$53.00 Attendance – 87

- The loose offering is designated to the Organ Fund
- Today we are taking up a special offering for Neighbor's in Need. This is part of our 5 for 5 in the UCC.

God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. Psalm 147:3

S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund

The Heartland Conference <u>S.A.R.A. partnership</u> 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



AGAPE has asked St. Paul's to start collecting toilet paper again! Drop off your donations in the Elevette Room! Thank you everyone for your support!

~Jane Nuss

Name: Date:

The Parable of the Feast

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blind feast heaven lame celebration friends invitation master

excuses guests Jesus servant **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 "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: Bill Nuss, Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, Danny Kellermeyer, 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: <u>cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com</u>, 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.

ATTENTION ALL FALL HARVEST CRAFTERS/BAKERS

The Women's Guild would like to have **ALL CRAFTS** in Heritage Hall by **NOON on Tuesday**, and **ALL BAKED GOODS** in Heritage Hall by **11am on Wednesday**. Thank you.

BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement.

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. This is now shown LIVE on Sundays and shown a day later on Mondays.
- ⊕ 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.
- ₱ EMERGENCY AED There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard in the Sanctuary.
- 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	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/World Communion Day
Tues.	4:30-6:00 pm	Bingo at Otterbein
	6:00 pm	Christian Education & Nurture Meeting in room next to Kitchen
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	1-6:00 pm	Bake Sale/Craft Show
	4:30-6:00 pm	Fall Harvest Meal
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
		3 rd grade Bibles distributed during worship

Quiet Bags have new fun pages in them for all ages. Hidden pictures, stories to read, some coloring pages. Check them out!

Luke 14:1-24 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Jesus Heals the Man with Edema

14 On one occasion when Jesus^[a] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ² Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema. ³ And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴ But they were silent. So Jesus^[b] took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child^[c] or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not reply to this.

Humility and Hospitality

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,

and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Parable of the Great Dinner

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶ Then Jesus ^[d] said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those

who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' ²² And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' ²³ Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, ^[e] none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' "