

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

September 18, 2022 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **10:30 a.m.**

Order of Service

Welcome to our Worship Service today. It doesn't matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done. You matter to God, and that means you matter to us. 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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Thunder roars. Mighty waves crash.
People: We listen for God.
 Leader: It is a voice that shatters the trees and causes us to tremble in fear.
People: God flashes into our awareness.
 Leader: In the whirl of chaos, we seek steady calm and peace.
People: We come to listen for Wisdom again.

***HYMN #641** “Fill My Cup” (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of wind and rain, of lightning and snow, of wildfire and flood: sometimes we are overwhelmed by the forces of nature around us, that seem to rail against us. People sometimes say that storms and disasters are sent to teach us things, or even as punishment. Help us to discern the truth, and to know that you, our Creator God, do not seek to destroy us, but invite us to co-create with you, that the world might be a place where all can live in harmony and safety. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

***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.)

BAPTISM OF TRUMAN MICHAEL WALE

Question to the Congregation

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Truman who is being baptized, and to his family, as they live and grow in this Christian community?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Act of Baptism

Responsive Prayer

Leader: God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day, as this community, these parents, and this child, Truman Michael, come together making covenant promises.

All: We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here this day, providing a safe shelter of your love in which Truman may grow and play. We pray that his parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Truman will bask in your love as he makes his own journeys through this life. Amen.

Presentation of Baptism Box -

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Thornsberry

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.

***HYMN #358** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE PSALM READING	Psalm 95
THE GOSPEL READING	John 4:4-30, 39-42

SERMON

"Where in the World is Samaria"

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*HYMN #61

*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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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor	Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
Vacant, Director of Music	Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
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	

LiturgistLynda Hadley
AcolytesDeacons and Elders
Children's offering.....Sunday School Children
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, September 11, 2022
Current - \$1738.00/ Mission - \$84.00
Attendance – 123

Altar flowers this morning are from Becky Anderson
in memory of her mother, Fae Steinecker's birthday

Today we welcome into our church family: Truman Michael Wale. Truman is the son of Bailey and Trent Wale, and the little brother to Evelyn Wale.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here.
II Corinthians 5:17



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



S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund

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. 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 Woman at the Well

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

John	winter vbs	walk	care
living water	messiah	husbands	disciples
thirsty	drink	Jesus	woman
samaritan	well	love	

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: Irene Lininger, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, and Vern Luedeke. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- Please keep Bob Donovan and his family in your prayers. Bob's sister, Deb Sudman, passed away this past week.
- 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 (on the bulletin board by the soundboard) or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS

The Women's Guild would like to have another Craft Show to coincide with their Fall Harvest Meal, Bake/Craft Sale on **October 5, 2022**. If you have the extra time, maybe you could make and donate a craft?

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.
- ✚ **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
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	9:00 am	Newsletter Deadline
Wed.	9:00 am	Rebecca Circle
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

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

The 2022-2023 Women's Guild booklets are set out around the church. Please feel free to pick one up.

A Call to Worship and Obedience

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ when your ancestors tested me

and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation

and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,

and they do not regard my ways."

¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,

"They shall not enter my rest."

John 4:4-30 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir,^[a] you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir,^[a] give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir,^[a] I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^[a] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you^[a] will worship the Father neither on this

mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You^[a] worship what you^[a] do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he,^[a] the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,^[a] can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

John 4:39-42 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."