

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

September 25, 2022 **Sixteenth 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

"You Are My All in All"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We thank you, O God, for calling us to be your people in this world.
People: **We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom because we have heard your call.**

Leader: You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ, you have touched us with your Spirit;
People: **And we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved.**

All: **We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN #427** "You Are My All in All"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator of waves and swells, coral reefs and slippery fish, we come again to worship and wonder because we don't have answers, and we crave them. We want to know how deep and how wide but more often just skim the surface of what you separated – the waters from the sky. Bring forth in us the swarms of possibility full of your goodness and grace. Create in us this day new hearts full of wonder and your wisdom. 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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC "I've Got Peace Like a River" Leslie Hullinger

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 #347** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD ***DOXOLOGY** **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE PSALM READING Psalm 145:1-8
THE GOSPEL READING Jonah 3:1-7a, 8-10, 4:1-4

SERMON "The Irritation of Grace" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

***HYMN #621** "For the Healing of the Nations"

***BENEDICTION**

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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

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 Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
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 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 Gehrlach, Custodian
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistFred Scheer
 AcolytesDeacons and Elders
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Children
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, September 18, 2022
Current - \$6653.50 / Mission - \$227.50
Attendance -107

TAKE NOTE: Next Sunday, October 2nd

- *The loose offering is designated to the Organ Fund*
- *It is World Communion Sunday (Communion will be served in the pews during worship)*
- *We will have the Neighbor's In Need special offering next Sunday, October 2nd. This is part of our 5 for 5 in the UCC.*

*Altar flowers this morning are from Rich and Susan Spencer
 in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary*

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
 peace. Romans 15:13***



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 September 25, 2022

"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

Psalm 145

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

NEAR
FAITHFUL
GOOD
RIGHTEOUS
AWESOME
WORTHY

SATISFY
EVERLASTING
COMPASSIONATE
ABUNDANT
GLORIOUS

LOVING
GLORY
GRACIOUS
GREAT
MIGHTY

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, Irene Lininger, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, 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: 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 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.
- ✚ **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

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	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
		World Communion Sunday

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.

Psalm 145:1-8

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Greatness and the Goodness of God

Praise. Of David.

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They will recount the glorious^[a] splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
- ⁶ They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Jonah 3:1-7

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Conversion of Nineveh

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

Jonah 3:8-10

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⁸ Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Jonah 4:1-4

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Jonah’s Anger

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”