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Our Giving to God March 21, 2021
Current - \$2197.00 and Mission - \$50.00
Attendance – 98

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

March 28, 2021 **Sixth Sunday in Lent** **10:30 a.m.**
Palm Sunday * Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY ENTRY “Filled With Excitement”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, seeking to transform the people.
People: **People gathered from everywhere to wave palm branches and praise him as royalty.**
Leader: Jesus enters into our lives humbly, seeking to transform our hearts and lives.
People: **Let us worship Jesus Christ together, and receive him into our presence. Hosanna in the highest!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Mary Holtzapple

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
The Wave
Lenten Candle Liturgy – The 6th candle of Lent

***HYMN 159** “The King of Glory Comes”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Holy one, beloved of God, we rally to your side cheering and waving, caught up in the excitement and the drama of the procession. We join the procession with prophecy and song echoing in our minds: singing of the triumph of God over the enemies who have held us captive. We cry, "Hosanna! Save us!" while believing ourselves saved already.

In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us.

Forgive us the desire for power, and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when we would push away those who seek to know you; when we consider others too sinful, too distasteful, too blind to be part of our company. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable outcome of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow. Forgive us our failure to love.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Even we shall believe, even we shall be led back to faith, by the grace and mercy of the one who never stops seeking after this beloved Creation. We are loved, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN 265** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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.

OFFERTORY, *DOXOLOGY, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION “The Palms” J.B. Faure

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118
THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-40

SERMON “Are You Prepared to Die to Power” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

HYMN 22 “Let All Things Now Living”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “The Gates Of Jerusalem” David Paxton

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

WELCOME! If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor Welcome Back. Please let our sanctuary doorway greeters know you are visiting and receive a special gift of welcome.

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!



- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Dorothy McMullen, Bob Adams, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Ron Luthman (son-in-law of Diana Prichard), and for all of our military 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.

The **2021** Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist sign-up sheets are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment. **Liturgists are needed for Easter and the Sundays following!** Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you.

TAKE NOTE:
If you haven't done so already, please bring the colored butterflies to church this week for use on Easter Sunday.

The nursery will NOT be available for the Easter SUNRISE SERVICE

Don't forget, we have The Upper Room and These Days devotionals located in the Lounge, the Perry Street Entrance and in the Elevette Room.

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!

- ✚ **DUE TO COVID, OFFERING PLATES WILL NOT BE PASSED IN THE PEWS. Please place your offering in the offering plates before service begins.**
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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 **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, St. Paul's Facebook page, 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

Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum – Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:00 pm	DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive Thru Only
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
Fri.	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service Worship – Sanctuary
Next Sun.	6:45 am	Easter Sunrise Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary (No nursery available at this time)
	7:30 am	Youth Easter Breakfast -- Carry-Out Only
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum – Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Easter Worship with Communion

2021-2022 St. Paul's UCC Scholarship Applications are now available.
You can pick one up on top of the bookshelf in the church lounge.
DEADLINE IS THIS WEEK

NOTICE: Due to COVID-19, the Easter Bake Sale at Minster Bank is canceled again this year.

Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!!!

Interested in camp this summer? The 2020 summer camp registration portal is now open! Visit <http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/> to register for camp! There are opportunities available for people of all ages, so check your calendar and get ready for a summer of fun! If you have any questions about camp, see Mary Holtzapple! Be sure to check out the Outdoor Ministries website for helpful information as you begin to plan for camp!

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Do you need assistance registering to receive the covid vaccine or do you need a ride to your location?? We want to help. You can call the church office (419-394-3811) or contact Jane Nuss (419-305-9629) or Lynda Hadley (419-305-3668) and we will help with scheduling an appointment or arranging transportation for you. You can call the hospital to make an appointment at 419-300-1132 or visit their website at grandlakehealth.org. The sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner we can see those smiling faces again as we sing our little hearts out!!

OR

If anyone needs a vaccine and can get around on their own, they may schedule a vaccine appointment over the phone by calling the Rite Aid, St. Marys at 419-394-3542. When the routine message starts, the message can be skipped by pressing the number 3 to speak with the pharmacy.

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 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3rd.

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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BLESSED	MIRACLES	HIGHEST	HEAVEN	CROWD
SPREAD	GLORY	PRAISE	VILLAGE	PEOPLE
DISCIPLES	CLOAKS	VOICES	LORD	PEACE
NAME	ROAD	JESUS	HILL	COLT

Psalms 118:1-29

1Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. **2**Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.” **3**Let the house of Aaron say: “His love endures forever.” **4**Let those who fear the LORD say: “His love endures forever.”

5When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place.

6The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

7The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

8It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.

9It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

10All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

11They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

12They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

13I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

14The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

15Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things! **16**The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!” **17**I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. **18**The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. **19**Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. **20**This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. **21**I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. **22**The stone the builders

rejected has become the cornerstone; **23**the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **24**The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

25LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! **26**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

27The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. **28**You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. **29**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

28After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29**As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **30**“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31**If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

32Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. **33**As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

34They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

35They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. **36**As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

38“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

40“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”