



Welcome!

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship

October 27th, 2024 | 10:30 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

When Peace Like a River

Bliss/arr. Wagner

*Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen!

*Hymn #65(Chalice)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Call to Confession

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

*Asterisk indicates please rise in body or spirit

Hymns

are chosen from the "black" *New Century Hymnal* or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal* located in the back of your pew.

Prayer of Confession

O God - our Creator and Redeemer - we humbly confess how boring this all seems at times - discipleship, prayer, sacrifice, Word. We acknowledge how bound we are to the drudgery of laws and expectations, draining our souls of the dynamic life of the Spirit. Yet the story of faith is one of wonder - surprises, miracles, unexpected mercy, and grace. Soften and stir our hearts with your amazing grace, that we might live in the glorious freedom of the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

We Hear

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:1-9 (page 733)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 (page 47)

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

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Kay Stiles

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Lisa Davis

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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***Gospel Response:**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, amen. Amen!**

Sermon

We Respond

***Hymn #463(Chalice)**

Renew Your Church

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Offertory Prayer**

Almighty God, grant that your holy Word which has been proclaimed this day may enter into our hearts through your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for praise and honor of your name. As the Word brings new life to us, so may these offerings accomplish your will in this community, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School
9:15 am - Children's Sunday School
10:30am - Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

Church Staff

Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*
Mary Ann Driscoll, *Organist*
Jane Sharpe, *Choir Director*
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Are you interested in joining St. Mary's U.C.C.?

Please contact the church office.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

Church Office Hours

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***Hymn #110(Chalice)**

You Servants of God

We Are Sent

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

***Postlude**

Come Thou Fount

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