

Welcome to St. Mary's  
UCC. Because we believe  
the risen Christ is in our  
midst, we also believe we  
should never place a  
period where God has  
placed a comma.

# St. Mary's United Church of Christ

Founded 1762



## Order of Worship March 26, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

You are invited to use the time before the 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.

### We Gather

#### Welcome

Prelude                      Thine is the Glory                      Handel/Gaspard/Hayes

#### \*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

**With bright eyes, let us search.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

**With engaged minds, let us ponder.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

**With compassionate hearts, let us feel.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

**With solid devotion, let us follow.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

**With humble intention, let us act.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

**With strong voices, let us sing. 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 #423 (NCH)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Reconciliation

*(from Psalm 51)*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according  
to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us

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.

thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joy are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **We Hear**

**New Testament:                      Romans 8:6-11                      (page 157)**

**Responsive Reading:                      Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the Lord!**

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

**And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

**Gospel Reading:                      John 11:1-45 (selections)                      (page 104)**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

**Reader:** Vicki Mayo

**In-Person Greeter:**

Doug & Sandy

Dutterer

**Online Greeter:**

Jennie Chamelin

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**Consistory Person of the Month:**

Steve Matthias

**Back-Up:**

Vicki Mayo

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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Sermon: Lent: Pushed Beyond Our Limits

## We Respond

Hymn #455 (NCH)

I Am Yours, O Lord

### 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

Gracious Lord, as followers who are filled with your light, we seek to be beacons of your illuminating light to others. Help us to reflect your love by listening to your call and to your will for our lives. In gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the name of the one who lived, died, and rose for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## We Are Sent

Hymn #198 (NCH)

Lift High the Cross

### Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude

Let Us Break Bread Together  
Traditional Spiritual/Hayes/Gaspard

### Sunday Mornings

9:15 am – Adult Sunday School

9:15 am – Children's Sunday School

10:30am – Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

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### Church Staff

Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*  
Mary Ann Driscoll, *Organist*  
Jane Sharpe, *Choir Director*  
Alice Buckner, *Bell Choir Director*  
Sabrina Hodge, *Financial Secretary*  
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**Are you interested in joining St. Mary's U.C.C.?**

*Please contact the church office.*

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### 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

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### Church Office Hours

Mondays 9 – 1  
Wednesdays 9 - 1  
Voicemail and email are monitored daily.

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