



*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

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10:30 am

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### We Gather

#### Welcome

**Prelude      Come Down, O Love Divine      Williams/Page**

#### Call to Worship

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

**Amen!**

In this sanctuary, aside our neighbors; at home, connected by the Spirit, we have come to claim this gathering as a community, sacred and set apart, to follow in the way of Christ.

**We have come because we need to hear again the good news of God's mercy and love for us and for all people.**

We are like the vine God planted, watered and protected.

**We have come to the quiet to hear the Spirit whisper her invitation to a just, peaceful, and abundant life.**

We have come to pray

**and listen intently for the Word to speak to our hearts.**

And so - let us attend!

**Glory to 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 #277(Chalice)      Christians, We Have Met to Worship**

*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.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of the Spirit of Your Son. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and enjoy you whatever the cost, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

#### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## We Hear

**Epistle: James 2:14-19 (page 230)**

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:41-48

Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise.

**Then I shall have an answer for those who taunt me, for I trust in your word.**

Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your ordinances.

**I will keep your law continually, forever and ever.**

I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

**I will also speak of your decrees before kings and shall not be put to shame;**

I find my delight in your commandments because I love them.

**I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.**

**Gospel: John 14:15-27 (page 109)**

### \*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!**

**Thanks** to the following people for helping with service today:

#### Reader:

Dot Dutterer

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Andy Brown

#### Back-Up:

Doug White

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

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## Sermon

### We Respond

**\*Hymn #349(Chalice)**

**My Jesus, I Love Thee**

#### 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

**Loving God, we praise you for your body, the Church, who through the ages has proclaimed the love of Christ. Through their faithfulness, we have come to know Christ and experienced his love. Give us the same heart, that through these gifts and our lives a new generation of people might praise you with one heart and one voice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #595(Chalice)**

**Be Thou My Vision**

### We Are Sent

**\*Benediction**

**\*Three-fold Amen**

**\*Postlude**

**Christ, the King of Glory**

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### 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*  
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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  
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