

*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 September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 10:30 a.m. 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*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

#### Go Now and Serve The Lord

#### 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!**

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 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 #25 (Chalice)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

#### Call to Confession

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

God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. Our imaginations are too small, our fears too big, our conviction too uncertain. Forgive us, O God, and look upon us with compassion. Reveal in us the faith and strength of your Spirit, and open our eyes to see past boundaries to Your abundant life for us and for our world. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Creator, who calls forth life, may this ground, and our labors here invested, yield good provision for the nourishing of Your Kingdom.

Lord, let our labors in this garden be fruitful. Lord, let our labors in this garden be blessed. In the name of the one who is making all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We Hear

**Epistle:**

**Hebrews 12:1-11**

*(page 226)*

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 37:1-7, 23-28a**

Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**for they will soon fade like the grass**

**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD and do good;

live in the land and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the LORD,**

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light**

**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way,

**Our steps are made firm by the LORD**

**when he delights in our way;**

though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,

for the LORD holds us by the hand.

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

**In-Person Greeters:**

Bonnie & Kent

Kreamer

**Online Greeter:**

Jennie Chamelin

**Reader:**

Rachel Hutchison

**Acolyte:**

Harper Bowers

**Consistory Person of the Month:**

Rachel Hutchison

**Back-Up:**

Sandy Matthias

**The altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy Dutterer (died September 15, 2018) and in memory of Kimberly DeMario (died September 4, 2021) by Larry, Becky, and Dan Dutterer.

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

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I have been young and now am old,  
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
or their children begging bread.

They are ever giving liberally and lending,  
and their children become a blessing.

Depart from evil, and do good;  
so you shall abide forever.

For the LORD loves justice;  
he will not forsake his faithful ones.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 9:51-62**

*(page 70)*

**\*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.*

**Sermon – Cultivate, Grow, Renew: Tearing Up and Building Up**

**We Respond**

**\*Hymn #354 (Chalice)**

**Seek Ye First**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Christ, our way, our truth, and our life,  
Let our labors in this garden be fruitful.  
Let our labors in this garden be blessed.

**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.

**Sung Response #254 (Chalice)**

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God (first verse)**

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst to.*

**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**

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we rejoice that you invite everyone to a place of purpose in your kingdom. Through Christ, your Son, you give us a vision of the world as your vineyard, where each person contributes the gifts you have given for the flourishing of all. Give us wisdom by your Spirit to live joyfully as generous servants of your realm. Amen.

## We Are Sent

\*Hymn #62 (Chalice)

Creator God, Creating Still

Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\* Postlude

Trumpet Voluntaire

Clarke

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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*

Mary Ann Driscoll, *Organist*

Jane Sharpe, *Choir Director*

Alice Buckner, *Bell Choir*

*Director*

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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

Fridays 11-2

Voicemail and email are

monitored daily.

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