

*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 May 21st 2023 | 10:30 a.m. 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Observed

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

Largo

Handel from Xerxes/Hopson

*Call to Worship

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

Alleluia, Amen!

Lord we worship you alongside the angels in heaven.

**You deserve the praise of every living thing because you created them
and you sustain them.**

It is by your will we are here to worship.

We give you all glory, honor and power, And crown you lord of all!

Come, let us worship Christ, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way
that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

**Let us worship Christ, who sits at the right hand of God and intercedes
for us! 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. Alleluia, Amen!**

*Hymn #305 (NCH)

**Your Servants of God,
Your Sovereign Proclaim
Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!**

*Hymn #257 (NCH)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ ascended far above all
heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive
that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even**

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.

to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

We Hear

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (page 118)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 192)

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 (page 91)

Gospel Response:

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son!

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Sermon: Ascension: Heaven's Tea Time

We Respond

***Hymn #304 (NCH) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

***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.

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

Reader: Kent Kreamer

In-Person Greeters: Bob & Belinda Finn

Online Greeter: Vicki Mayo

Acolyte: Emmalee Sanders

Consistory Person of the Month:

Kent Kreamer

Back-Up:

Andy Brown

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Diane and Steve Zentgraf. Our family misses you every day.

Tech Sponsorship in honor of Josh Brown's birthday on May 24th! Love, Mom, Dad, Andy & Ryan

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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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.

Can-ley Cup Video

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

In this world: kingdom living.

In our mouths: kingdom praises.

In our hearts: kingdom goals.

In our hands: kingdom gifts.

Thy kingdom come, they will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven! Amen.

*Hymn #300 (NCH)

Jesus Shall Reign

We Are Sent

Benediction

*Three-fold Amen

*Postlude

The Rejoicing

Handel/Hopson

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*
Alice Buckner, *Bell Choir Director*
Sabrina Hodge, *Financial Secretary*
Lisa Brown, *Treasurer*
Sabrina Hodge, *Administrative Associate*

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

Mondays 9 – 1

Wednesdays 9 - 1

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