

*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 January 22, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

*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      **Amazing Grace**

Arr. Carol Tornquist

#### \*Call to Worship

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

We are here to worship a remarkable God.

**The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Don't come as a number, come with your identity and dignity.

Don't come as beggars, come as those who know their worth to God.

Don't come as crashers, come as desired companions.

Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

**The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us.**

**The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

**May the love of God overflows our hearts, the grace of Christ liberates our spirits,**

**And the joy of the Spirit sings in our minds. 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 #277 (Chalice)

**Christians, We Have Met to Worship**

Call to Confession

Prayer of 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.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Give us grace, O Lord, to readily answer the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **We Hear**

**First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6 (page 641)**

**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.**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 (page 198)**

**Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17 (page 109)**

### **\*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:** Sandy Matthias

**In-Person Greeter:** Jim Lloyd & Ronald Stonesifer

**Online Greeter:** Jennie Chamelin

**Acolyte:** Abigail Ludlow

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**Consistory Person of the Month:**

Stacy Fourhman

**Back-Up:**

Vicki Mayo

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

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Sermon: Trailhead: A Joyful Company

## We Respond

Hymn #490 (Chalice)

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

### 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

We have the means to give,  
we have the reason to give,  
and there are many waiting for us to give.  
God of grace, help us live and give in your kingdom of love,  
where there are no enemies, only brothers and sisters,  
and ever-growing circles of love, and kindness is the air we breathe.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## We Are Sent

Hymn #93 (Chalice)

Praise Him! Praise Him!

### Benediction

#### \*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude      Christians, We Have Met to Worship  
Holy Manna/Arr. Hayes/Wagner

### 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*

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*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  
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