

*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 July 31st, 2022 | 10:30 a.m. 8th 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

God's Redeeming Love

Schultz

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!

We have come from a difficult world into a place of peace,

And here, we hope to worship, to pray, to find hope.

But even as we begin, like Peter on the mountain, we know we can't stay here.

We'll be sent back out into that world.

But we might be changed.

For we will hear a good word, our minds may be opened, our hearts may be made larger. We might sense the Holy Spirit's presence.

And in that hope, maybe we can face the world as it is, in the hope of the world that will be.

It is good for us to be here. So come, let us worship together, and wonder at what may come. 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 #537 (Chalice)**

My Hope Is Built

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, we do not understand Jesus, the prophet. We do not want to get our hands dirty with the poor, the oppressed, the prisoners. We'd like nothing more than to look away the pain and suffering of a fraying world. We often look hide the truth about ourselves...from ourselves. Forgive us for being insulated and isolated. Open our hearts to the truth, and help us to love as you love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We are sinners...we are not only sinners.

We are weak...we are not only weak.

We fail...we are not always failures.

We have destroyed...also we have loved.

You, God, see much more in us than the labels we give ourselves.

Give us courage to entrust it all you –

and in your love become all of who we are. Amen.

We Hear

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:16 – 4:7

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 17

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,**

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my dad, Charles Hodgson's 90th birthday by Nancy Householder.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

**They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.**

They flush me out; now they surround me;
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.

**They are like a lion eager to tear,
like a young lion lurking in ambush.**

Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them!

By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.

**May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;
may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.**

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:31-37

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***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 - Turntable Gospel: "Dirty" by grandson

We Respond

***Hymn #566 (Chalice)**

Be Still, My Soul

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

Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. May this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the beautiful world that you have made. Amen.

We Are Sent

*Hymn #534

When Our Confidence Is Shaken

(sung to the tune of Chalice #439)

Benediction

*Threefold Amen

* Postlude

Praise His Name

Stairs

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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**Are you interested in
joining St. Mary’s U.C.C.?**

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