



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 1st, 2024 | 10:30 am

15th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Just As I Am

Bradbury/arr. Young

*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!

Come to the waters you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy wine and milk without money, and without cost.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!

Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Listen to me, and you will have good things to eat, and rich food to enjoy.

My soul hungers for God, for the living God!

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found; call to him while he is near.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God! 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 #505(NCH)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and mighty, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of your good work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Hear

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4:1-9 (page 160)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-20 (page 195)

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-26 (page 6)

***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!

Sermon Make Haste to Help Me!- A Labor Day Prayer

We Respond

***Hymn #503 (NCH) O Savior, Let Me Walk with You**

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

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Andy Brown

Back-Up:

Doug White

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bradley Dutterer's birthday on September 6th.
Happy Birthday!
Love, Mom and his family.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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***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

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 and merciful God, as you gave yourself for the life of the world, so you call us to give of ourselves for the life of our neighbors. In this offering, we give our first fruits to you. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done. In the same way, we lay our hearts on this altar, asking that wherever you send us, we would have the faith and courage to carry out your good work in the world. Amen.

***Hymn #64(NCH)**

Fire of God, Undying Flame

We Are Sent

***Benediction**

***Three-fold Amen**

***Postlude**

Rondeau

Mouret/arr. 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*
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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

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