

*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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.*

**Third Sunday after 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

Aria (Be Thou With Me)

J.S. Bach/Hanson

### Call to Worship

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

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,  
**that I may follow it to the end.**

Give me understanding,  
**so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of your commands,  
**for there I find delight.**

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

**Turn my eyes away from worthless things;**  
preserve my life according to your word.

**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 #319 (New Century)**

**Wonderful Words of Life**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you have called us to be your disciples, following in your way and  
growing in faith, hope, and love. Yet we confess that we are so  
frequently disciplined by words other than Yours. The noise of this world  
drowns out the beauty of your voice. You invite us to listen, but we  
deny you time and space. Forgive us for our weakness, and create in us**

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.

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

**In-Person Greeters:**

Sandy Matthias &  
Jane Sharpe

**Online Greeter:**

Jennie Chamelin

**Reader:** Allen Stiles

**Consistory Person of the Month:**

Rachel Wagner-Hutchison

**Back-Up:** Lee Kline

the desire to listen to your words of truth, hope, and love that we might then share these words with others. 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 quickly and steadfastly answer the call of our Savior and proclaim the Good News of his salvation, that we and all people might know the glory of his marvelous works and boundless love. Amen.**

**We Hear**

**Old Testament**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*(page 436)*

**Psalm 19**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*(page 174)*

**The 2022 flower calendar is open.**

There is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board outside the office. If you are worshipping remotely, feel free to call the office at 410-346-7977 or email [office@stmarysucc.org](mailto:office@stmarysucc.org) to check on availability and to sign up for a week.

**Tech sponsorships**

continue to be available. Call or email the office to sign up for a week.

**\*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 - We Are All Disciples

**We Respond**

**\*Hymn #22 (New Century) Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped**

**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**

God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the

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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*

Sabrina Hodge, *Financial Secretary*

Lisa Brown, *Treasurer*

Lisa Kilmartin, *Administrative Associate*

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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 Rachel Wagner-Hutchison

### 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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### Church Contact

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parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

## We Are Sent

**\*Hymn #493 (New Century)**

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Trumpet Tune**

**H. Purcell/Wilson**