



SAINT MARY'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Founded 1762

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

February 18, 2024 | 10:30 am

1st Sunday of Lent

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
Excell/arr. Hayes

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

Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Call to Worship

(written by Tom Shuman)

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey: in the places of desolation, we discover God's sustaining and life-giving presence.

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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Lent calls us to worship together, allowing our lives to be crafted by faith, hope, and love.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

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**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Hear

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:1-12 (page 163)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 143:1-10

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. (Selah)

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

Reader: Jane Sharpe

In-Person Greeters: Ron & Thelma Stonesifer, Jim Lloyd

Online Greeter: Alice Buckner

Tech Team: Rob Brown, Ryan Brown, Doug White

Acolyte: Bridgette Barber

Consistory Person of the Month:

Doug Dutterer

Back-Up:

Sherry Hartman

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bridgette and Genevieve Barber's birthdays. Bridgette (Feb 14) and Genevieve (Feb 27). With love, from their family

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (page 62)

***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 If You Wanna Go Far... "Follow Me"

We Respond

***Hymn #489 (Chalice) Bless Now, O God, the Journey
(to tune of Chalice 613)**

***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.

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*
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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

Contacts:

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

Church Office Hours

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***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, we give back a small portion of the harvest we have received from You, and we ask that our offering would be acceptable in Your sight. In humility we pray that you would fill us with the True Bread that comes down from heaven. All praise be to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Communion (see insert)

***Hymn #321 (Chalice)**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

We Are Sent

***Benediction**

***Three-fold Amen**

***Postlude**

Lord of the Dance

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